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DEFENDERS FALLING BACK

New Line Only Five To Six Miles From Shanghai WOOSUNG FORTS INTACT

Shanghai, May 15.

The Communist armies advanced today to within sight of many of Shanghai's famous landmarks in the wake of what appeared to be a general Nationalist withdrawal from the outer perimeter to the last defence line before the limits of the city proper.

Red Forces In S. China

San Francisco, May 15.
The Communists have over 100,000 guerrillas and 40,000 regulars in South China, the Communist Peiping Radio said last night.
It said that these forces stood ready to take co-ordinated action with Red spearheads now pushing Southwards.
The Radio also claimed that South China Communist controlled strategic territory along the borders of Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Hunan, Kiangsi, Fukien and in Central Kwangtung and Hainan Island.
Territory controlled covered 100 counties, the Radio added.—Reuter.

RAF Planes To Aid In Evacuation

Shanghai, May 15.
It was authoritatively learned today that land planes of Hong Kong Airways, flying-boat of the British Overseas Airways Corporation and Dakotas of the Royal Air Force at Hong Kong would begin the airlifting of registered British evacuees—mostly women, children and non-essential males—to Hong Kong tomorrow.
Thirty-six hours after the British Consul-General, Mr. R. W. Urquhart, had offered a last opportunity to leave the threatened metropolis only some five per cent of the 3,000 Britons here had signed up for evacuation.
All foreign consulates, including the British one, remained open today, Sunday, to deal with the registration of evacuees but there was no rush.
Official word was received that 10 per cent of the 300 Austrians who are being granted temporary refuge in Canada will be of Christian faith, the remainder being Jews.
Earlier it was stated that only Austrian Jews were to benefit from the movement. Now, the provision is that 30 Christian Austrians and approximately 270 Austrian Jews will comprise the group. Of this number 50 of the refugees are craftsmen.
The whole movement to Canada will be by plane. It is understood that the first take-off will be this week, the aircraft departing from Lungta Airport in the Southern suburb of Shanghai.
The 300 refugees will be given residence in Canada until such time as they procure immigration visas to the United States.
The 400 Portuguese refugees expected to travel South by a Dutch ship some time this week but in view of the rapid developments it is touch and go whether the vessel will be able to enter the harbour.—Reuter.

The Weather

At 0000 GMT (8 p.m. HKOT) the anti-cyclone centred over the Eastern Sea is moving slowly E. The trough extends from a depression over Hokkaido S and W through the Luzon Strait to N. Hainan.
Today's Forecast—Fresh E to S winds, moderating. Weather dull and cool with periods of rain.
Yesterday's Weather:
Maximum 72.5 deg. F.
Minimum 61.5 deg. F.
Rainfall Nil.
Forecast: Total rain Jan. 1—4.2 mm. (0.17 in.) as against an average of 42.7 mm. (1.68 in.) for the month.
Rainfall: 10.1 mm. (0.4 in.)
Dew pt. at 10.1 mm. (0.4 in.)
Rel. Humidity 75%
Wind Force 11
Wind Dir. 110 deg.
Wind Speed 11 kts.
Time 11:00
High 72.5
Low 61.5

Government troops, however, were late today still firmly holding the vital Woosung area North of Shanghai with naval and air support, thus keeping open the last route of escape through the Whangpoo River and out to sea.
With the abandonment of the strategic Nanking-Shanghai railway cities of Hwangtu and Nanxiang, the Nationalist forces were reported today to be digging in along a new line, averaging no more than five or six miles, from the Western and Southern borders of the threatened metropolis and passing through Chenju, where a large wireless station used to be located, and Hungjiao Airfield, which was formerly the base of General Claire Chennault's airline, the Civil Air Transport.
In announcing the Nationalist withdrawal from Hwangtu and Nanxiang, the Garrison communique said: "As the defensive battle for Shanghai entered its third day, our forces have voluntarily abandoned Hwangtu and Nanxiang according to plan.

"These forces are being incorporated into the bulk of the Nationalist forces defending the main line before Shanghai and are preparing to wipe out, in a concerted effort, the advancing Communists."

Reds Held At Bay

Nationalist naval units, some 300 bombers and fighters, and scores of tanks are helping several thousands of the Government's best fighting forces—trained and equipped in Taiwan—to hold the furiously attacking Communists at bay in the Woosung area at the mouth of Shanghai harbour, according to Chinese reports.
The official communique claimed that 5,000 Communists belonging to five divisions were killed in the first phase of the battle for Woosung yesterday when the Reds employed "human sea" tactics in a desperate attempt to overwhelm the Nationalist defenders and seal the last escape route of the city's Garrison.

The fighting was unofficially described as fiercest and bloodiest witnessed since the Communists stormed across the Yangtze River 25 days ago and the operations of the Chinese Air Force were believed to be mainly responsible for the Nationalist success.

Planes In Action

The Nationalist Air Force headquarters announced that more than 200 planes were thrown into the battle for Shanghai in the past 24 hours and that on the Tachang, Kwangsi and Woosung front, North West of Shanghai, more than 10,000 Communists were killed in bombing and strafing raids.

In addition, it added, 80 Communist lorries, eight gun emplacements and 100 wooden barges were destroyed. Communist Mustang fighter planes simultaneously staged long distance raids over a wide area in the outer perimeter of Shanghai, the announcement said.

Sirens here today added to the din of the approaching war. These sirens caused doors and windows to rattle when the authorities tested the air raid alarm system installed by the Japanese during their occupation of the city.

Whangpoo River—normally crowded with shipping—presented a deserted appearance with only a handful of Chinese vessels busily loading here and there. Even the usual huge motley collection of junks and sampans was conspicuous by its absence.
Refugees from all points of the compass streamed into the heart of the city today in flight from the advancing Red armies.
The majority came from areas on the city's limits, travelling mostly in rickshas and pedicabs with their beddings and other belongings.
Some families pooled resources and evacuated their suburban homes in trucks, but many hundreds of the poor had to walk in many cases with babies in their arms and a few belongings strapped to their backs.

Food Supply

Police Commissioner Mao Sen last night urged Shanghai's 6,000,000 residents to carry on their normal activities with usual calm, declaring that the authorities had worked out an over-all safety plan for the defence of the municipality and were confident of final victory.
He warned, however, that there must be inevitable periods of suffering and hardship especially during the transitional period.
With the food supply source still open, the Commissioner asked people to store up as much food and daily use items as possible in order to cope with an emergency.
Police Commissioner Mao also announced that from now on military vehicles in Shanghai streets will have right of way over all other vehicles. All passenger cars, buses and other types of vehicles must give right of way to military trucks which, in turn, must give right of way to military jeeps.
The officer further notified all police personnel that during the curfew period no military vehicles are subject to police inspection. These vehicles may also travel without any curfew pass, it was learned.

Three hundred miles West of Shanghai only sporadic fighting was today reported around the outer perimeter of Hankow, Central China's most important city on which Communist General Lin Biao's Manchurian legions are advancing.
Preparations for street fighting are said to be going on at full speed, with sandbag barricades and pillboxes springing up rapidly at all strategic road intersections.

Along Kan River
The local authorities, according to a Press report, have ordered the demolition of a huge railway repair shop which used to employ several thousand workers.
From the Kiangsi front the official Central News Agency said that Nationalist forces were digging in on both banks of the Kan River—which virtually divides Kiangsi into two equal parts East and West—in an endeavour to check the Communist drive towards neighbouring Hunan Province and the Canton-Hankow Railway.
Military observers believe that if the armies of Communist General Chen Kung fail to track the Communist drive to the Kan River they will probably push Southward and threaten Kwangtung.
Meanwhile, the whole of North Fukien Province was in a state of confusion following the widespread disruption of telephone and telegraph services, according to a Central News Agency report from Foochow.
The telegraph office in Foochow, the provincial capital, was only accepting messages for Kuitien, 50 miles North West.
Tension was reported to be rising in Foochow amid a flood of wild rumours which caused the blackmarket rate of the silver dollar to sky-rocket to 6,500,000,000 (compared to only 6,500,000,000 in Shanghai).
Reuter

Princess Margaret At Isle Of Capri



Princess Margaret (left), accompanied by Lady Mary Harvey, wife of Major T.G. Harvey, the Queen's private secretary, is seen driving—AP Photo.

"Sunday Times" On Defences Of Singapore

London, May 15.
An article in today's "Sunday Times" claimed that the strengthening of the defences of Singapore should have the highest priority.

The article, written by a "Sunday Times" correspondent, J.H. Horrocks, who has just returned from Singapore, said:

"There is evidence that gangs of Chinese and Malays are transferring their hideouts from the mainland to Singapore Island. It is believed that they plan to 'underground' for a few months."

"The Governor of Singapore, Sir Franklin Gimson, told me recently that, apart from a very strong police force, comprising almost entirely of young Malays, the Colony was not fully alive to the seriousness of the situation, and was far from prepared for an emergency."

"There is not a single aircraft-carrier in Singapore waters. Nor did I see any ships in battle order at the naval base, the reason given to me being that the naval strength of Singapore is now only administrative."

"To strengthen the defences of this strategically vital area should have the highest priority in our security plans."—Reuter.

PLANNING FOR PACIFIC DEFENCE

Canberra, May 15.
The Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph Chifley, stated in a broadcast today that planning for defence of the Pacific was proceeding parallel with the planning for the North Atlantic area.
Mr. Chifley, speaking in his weekly "Report To The Nation," added: "The approach to a common scheme for defence of the Pacific should be by agreement between Britain, Australia and New Zealand; therefore with the United States, and later with other nations with possessions in the Pacific area."—Reuter.

Britain Ready To Deal With Reds

London, May 14.
The British Government is preparing for a de facto recognition of the Chinese Communist regime if and when it is proclaimed as the Government of all China; responsible sources report.
The informants said the Government expects the new regime to be proclaimed within the next three months. Communist forces are expected to complete occupation of South China within that time.
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and his Kuomintang followers are expected to return to Taiwan, which would permit the Communists to proclaim their Government of China, the informants said.
Many of them said that although Taiwan was handed back to China by an agreement at the Cairo conference in 1943, the island can not be recognised legally as Chinese territory until the Japanese peace treaty is completed.
The British Government's attitude was also said to be influenced by Chinese reports that Mao Tse-tung intends to halt his drive at the Chinese borders and does not intend to undertake the "liberation" of Indo-China, Burma and Malaya.—United Press.

Red Leaders Gloat Over Successes

(Exclusive To The "China Mail")
A popular jibe among high-ranking Chinese Communists in Peiping when boasting of their armed strength is "America is our arsenal and Chiang Kai-shek is our transport master." Three quarters of their arms and ammunition and military equipment are American-made, and were supplied to the Nationalists by the USA and in the course of the civil war captured by the Reds.

This was disclosed yesterday by the man who had lived and worked with top Chinese Red officers at the Grande Hotel de Pekin in China's ancient capital.

While openly showing their love for "things American," the Communists clamour for withdrawal of American troops from China, said Mr. William Zuo, former billing manager of the largest and most up-to-date hotel in China.

Communist leaders including Gen. Lin Biao, Gen. Nieh Jung-cheng, Gen. Chou En-lai, Marshal Yi Chai-sun and Mayor Yieh Chien-yung, held conferences and sumptuous banquets regularly at the hotel, revealed the 24-year-old Cantonese who arrived here by the S. Hupch recently.

Armed Guards

About 300 officers are billeted in the hotel. Armed Guards are posted all over the premises day and night.

Every now and then some Russians, Japanese and Koreans, dressed in Chinese Communist uniforms, would be registered in the hotel for brief stays.

These foreigners were said to be gunners and technicians in the Communist field forces.
To feed the Communist guests, four kitchens prepared four grades of meals. High level Reds could enjoy banquet-like meals prepared by a special kitchen whereas staff and field officers ate four dishes and one soup each meal prepared by a small kitchen. Lower-grade political elements and common soldiers had to depend on a public kitchen for their meals, consisting usually of only one dish.
All Red officers quartered in the hotel brought with them their own orderlies to run errands and to clean up the rooms.

Paid In Millet

During his employment by the Reds, Mr. Zuo said, that his salary was 300 catties of millet a month. Compared with what he used to get before liberation, this was only a little better than nothing.
One French chief accountant, who had been working with the hotel for over 30 years, was paid 250 catties of millet a month but the chief cook got 370 catties.

What was formerly the meeting place of all tourists visiting Peiping, the Grande Hotel de Pekin was in a pitiful state. All the curio and jewelry stalls in the hotel were ordered to be closed. The only shop that remained open inside the premises after considerable amount of negotiations with the Communists, was the French Book Store. Its sole customers were Communist intellectuals.
Apart from the Grande Hotel de Pekin, fourteen other Peiping hotels were requisitioned by the Reds to house their comrades, including the Hotel du Nord, formerly owned by an Austrian.
Since the liberation, Peiping has been undergone radical changes. Tailors and shoe-makers have boarded up their doors and the restaurants had lost much of their patronage by banquet-givers.

Red Soldiers

The streets were filled with armed Red soldiers and labourers who due to their ignorance, have caused frequent embarrassment to the police.
Although Peiping had no night curfew, the city's streets were deserted at nightfall. Food vendors and hawkers who used to cry out their trade in muddy hutings have ceased their nocturnal rounds.
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CANTON IS IN STATE OF WAR; MANY LEAVING

Canton, May 15.
General Yeh Shao, Canton Garrison Commander, in a proclamation declared Canton in a state of war beginning today and advised all citizens who could do so to leave the city and return to their native villages.
Many Cantonese, for the first time affected by the restrictions of war, began preparations to evacuate the city. While no immediate threat from Communist armies was known to exist, many manifestations of uneasiness could be seen in government and civil population alike.

Meanwhile the Legislative Yuan, in a closed meeting yesterday, decided to adjourn almost two weeks before the date set for its original closing date. Up for a vote on Tuesday will be a measure conferring full law-making powers on the Executive Yuan, the National Government's highest—and non-elective—deliberative body.

General Liu Chien-chun, Vice President of the Legislative Yuan, who will preside at the meeting advised all members to return to their homes as soon as possible. He said money and facilities would be made available. Universities and middle schools, too, are making plans to close their sessions early and some have already closed for the summer vacations without knowing when they can reopen.

Many people are already leaving the refugee capital either for their native places or for Hong Kong. When passengers on the river vessel Fatshan, which pier between Canton and Hong Kong, embarked today, military trucks carrying the effects of service families could be seen unloading at the wharf.
The Government is still apparently casting around for a defence plan which would stop the Communists in their drive South. The Governors and service chiefs of the Southern provinces have received an urgent summons from Acting President Li Jung-jen to meet this week to thrash out problems of joint defence.

The officials summoned are from Hunan, Szechuan, Kwangsi and Kwangtung. The Kwangsi Governor, Huang Hsu-chu, has already arrived.
Meanwhile, the Kwangtung Provincial Government has tentatively decided to evacuate Southwards to Hoppo which is situated in the Gulf of Tonkin, opposite Hainan Island. Tonsing opposite Hoppo is also close to the Kwangsi border. It is considered to be a good bastion in the fight against the Communists and local observers are of the opinion that should it prove impossible to hold Hoppo then the Provincial Government can easily be moved to Kwangsi Province.

It is reported here that the Kwangtung Provincial Government has decided to reduce its staff by 80 per cent.

Two American airlines have announced today suspension of service to Shanghai because the outmarker of the homeing became seven miles South of Lungta airport and ceased functioning thereby reducing the safety factor below the minimum requirement.

Pan-American Airways and Northwest Airlines announced they would dispatch their aircraft from Shanghai tomorrow (Monday) if overnight developments permit. Each airline has scheduled two flights—Pan-American to Hong Kong and Tokyo and Northwest to Tokyo and Manila.—United Press.

DUBLINERS BURN BRITISH FLAG

Dublin, May 15.
Following Friday night's partition protest meeting in Dublin, a small party of men today burned a Union Jack outside the gates of Trinity College.

They then marched to the office of the British representative, Sir Gilbert Lathwaite, with a screaming his withdrawal from the country.—Associated Press.

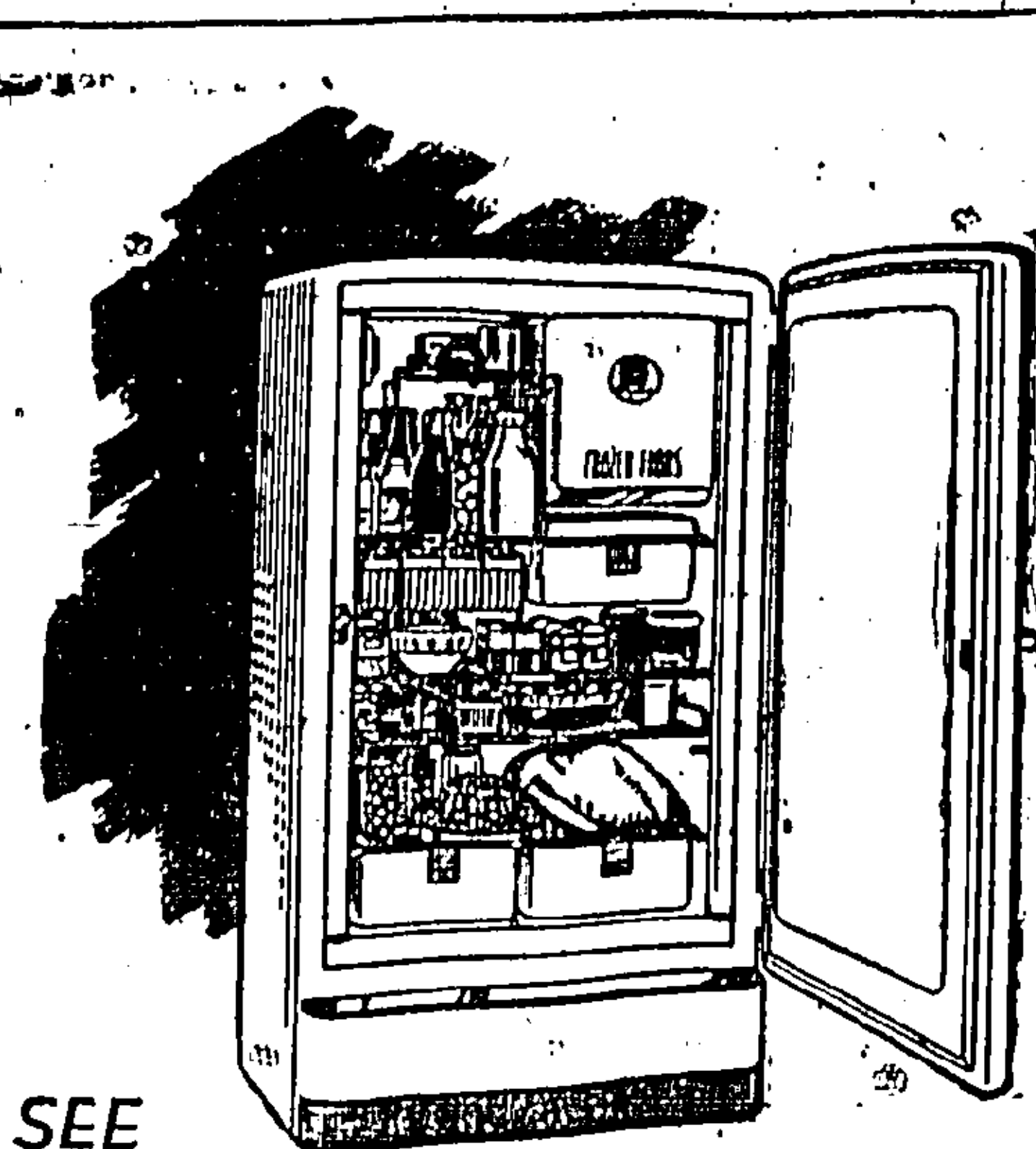
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Correspondence

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Not Doctors

Sir,—I would like to call your attention to an item of news in your paper issued on May 12, 1949. The headline of it was "Two Doctors Fined" and it was followed by a description of how Man Yan-kong, aged 22, and Tsang Wai-man, aged 32, were charged and fined. Both persons mentioned above are not in the medical register of Hong Kong. Therefore, according to the ordinance recently issued by the Hong Kong Government, they are not doctors and not allowed to call themselves so.

It would be kind of you to make an amendment of this piece of news in your paper at your earliest convenience as it reflects poorly on the medical practitioners of this Colony.

DR. T. J. HUA, O.B.E.,
President of Chinese Medical Association,
Hong Kong.

Big Men

Sir,—In order to settle an argument and to improve my knowledge, I wonder if any of your readers could tell me what is the average height and weight of an American serviceman.

Also what height are members Britain's Foot Guards and Household Cavalry?

What about a Guards battalion out here? A group of 10, I don't think there are any better in the whole world.

CURIOUS.

Soviet Accusations Answered With Facts

Geneva, May 14.

Four Western European countries today countered with facts and figures the Russian accusations that the United States licensing policy is dictating and limiting their trade across the Iron Curtain.

Dr. C. Patlin, Director of the Dutch Foreign Trade Bureau, told the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe here:

Antarctic Treasure Ridiculed

Palo Alto, May 14.

Dr. Arthur D. Howard, geologist with the U.S. Navy's 1946-47 Antarctic expedition, today ridiculed the belief that the frozen continent offers untold resources to the world.

He told a group at Stanford University that:

1. The ice cap covering any valuable ore and mineral deposits would take 10,000 years to melt.
2. When it does melt, its water would be returned to the sea and thus raise the sea level, so that not only the vast coastal areas of the Antarctic but such cities as San Francisco, New York and Shanghai will be inundated.

"Of course we won't have to worry about this," Howard said. "It's too far in the future."

He said 5,000,000 square miles of the Antarctic are almost completely buried under the ice cap which may be 5,000 to 10,000 feet thick in the interior. The region's extensive low-grade coal deposits would be unable to compete for centuries with coal of better quality elsewhere in the world, he pointed out.

United Press.

French Aviatix Reported Missing

Karachi, May 14.

The French woman flyer, Madame Andre Dupuyron, was reported missing here today on a flight to Bagdad.

Madame Dupuyron left Jiwani, Baluchistan, on Thursday morning on her way home to France, after a bid to establish a straight-line long distance record between France and Karachi.

She hoped to reach Karachi non-stop from France but landed at Jiwani after 32 hours of flying, saying that she was too tired to continue.

Officials here said that she should have arrived at Bagdad the same evening she left Jiwani. Planes from Karachi, Habban, and Dhabhan were searching for the missing plane. A British Air Force plane from Karachi returned to Jiwani this afternoon after spotting the coast of the Arabian Sea as far as the 60 degree longitude line where the Karachi-controlled flying zone ends.—Reuters.

WHEN TO REGISTER NEW BUTTER CARDS

New cards for the butter ration can be registered with the Dairy Farm or Late Chow Chow.

Newly Weds



Smith Barton Wedding

The marriage took place at Rosary Church yesterday of Miss Mary Ellen Smith and Mr. Alex Charles Barton, Rev. Fr. d'Angelis officiated.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. James Smith, of Aberdeen, Scotland. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Barton.

The best man was Mr. I. Peterson and Mrs. H. Waeny acted as Matron of Honour.

A reception was later held at Lytton House, after which the happy couple left for the Dragon's Inn, where the honeymoon is to be spent.

Taxis Operate At A Loss In N.T.

Taxi companies in Kowloon are not very happy about the New Territories service which began some two months ago.

The complaint of one of the Kowloon companies, when interviewed by the "China Mail" yesterday, was that business is no good in the country.

A fleet of 12 taxis are at present operating in the territories. These are distributed among three depots: one at Tai Po, another at Un Loong and the third at Sha-tau-kei.

These taxis include some utility vans which are able to accommodate six passengers. But most of the vehicles in the fleet are of the ordinary taxi type.

Four taxi companies on the

Lancashire Miners Advised To Return

Bolton, May 14.

Union delegates, meeting here in a special conference today advised the 52,000 Lancashire miners to call off their two-week strike for free or cheap coal, and resume work immediately.

The Lancashire miners had imposed a ban on overtime working to enforce their demand for cheap coal for their own use and later stopped work after allegations that some men had broken the ban.

The delegates today advised the reopening of negotiations on the claims for coal concessions and withdrawal of the ban on overtime.

An offer by the North West Coal Board to supply the miners with coal at the pithead price paid by dealers who provide their own cartage, was rejected by the conference.

Today's decision to end the stoppage was influenced by a statement earlier in the week from the National Executive of the Miners' workers Union, backing the Lancashire miners' demand as "justifiable" and calling on the Coal Board to make a speedy settlement.

The resolution adopted by the Lancashire delegates indicates that with full union backing, thus assured, they consider it opportune to re-open official negotiations.—Reuters.

SCOTT'S SON ON WAY TO ARCTIC

London, May 14.

Commander Peter Scott, son of the famous explorer and one of Britain's leading experts on bird life, leaves England today to undertake an expedition in the Arctic circle.—Reuters.

Personalia

Two Siamese Government officials were passengers on the MATCO plane for Macao yesterday morning.

They were Mr. L.S. Tulyarakan, the Siamese Police Commissioner, and Mr. N. Phanumas, both on their way from Bangkok to Manila and are visiting Macao. Passengers for Macao on Saturday included Mr. C. F. Tyrrell of the British Consulate in Canton, Mr. R. Guan, Captain Brongearama, Mr. Eric Halpern and Mr. L. J. Remedios.

Passengers by CNAC's plane for Kunning yesterday: R. West, S. E. Lavron, J. L. Winship, G. H. Greene.

Calcutta passengers included F. Sher, M. N. Khan, and H. Fredenborg.

Six Chinese passengers arrived from the United States by a CNAC plane piloted by Captain J. Byrne.

Two Trans-Asiatic Airlines planes arrived at Kai Tak yesterday. In the planes were 54 immigrants for Manila from Amoy.

The Hong Kong Airways plane from Canton carried A. J. Hall, Hing, and B. M. Rangan, among the passengers for Hong Kong.

Arrivals from Manila yesterday by CPA were: Messrs. E. P. Byrnt, G. S. P. Heywood, E. Rennell and P. C. Duhanal.

Pan American Airways plane from Tokyo included the following passengers: E. Raush, L. Williams, A. Berdeman, C. Caffery, A. Brenton, B. MacDonald, C. Aihut, and W. Lobban.

From Shanghai came 46 passengers by a CNAC plane yesterday. They included: R. B. Searland, Mrs. Barrera, R. T. MacDonnell, M. D. Barrera.

Arrivals from Macao yesterday afternoon, by MATCO plane: L. K. Little, W. C. A. McNeice, Bishop A. V. Holward, A. H. Carroll, Eric Halpern, L. Tulyaraka and N. Phanumas.

On the PAA plane for Manila yesterday: W. Goodwin, I. Mora, R. H. Wild, N. Wadhurnal, De Vries.

For Honolulu: Miss Hazel M. Atwood.

San Francisco: Miss Susan E. Armstrong, R. H. Giffin, Harriet Giffin, Martha Giffin, Patricia Giffin, L. T. Merchant and Mahabir.

To Use Relief Camp As Army Billets

Billets for the arriving reinforcements of the Hong Kong Garrison will shortly be available at the Ma Tau Chung Relief Camp, Kowloon City, as soon as latter is removed to the North Point camp, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

The area, known as Camp No. 2 to differentiate it from the Ma Tau Chung Housing Estate which is Camp No. 1, and another camp nearby housing Gurkha units is composed of about 20 long wooden huts.

At present there are approximately 400 men, women and children living in them. The camp is itself subdivided by a barbed-wire fence into two sections, one section is being used by those dependent on relief while those in the other are self-supporting. Those in the latter category mostly Portuguese working on the Hong Kong side and their families up to now have had the housing free of charge from the Government.

However, when notice went around for them to vacate the place within a few weeks many were filled with consternation particularly those who had spent considerable sums of money in building abodes which were originally found to be dilapidated, and which would eventually have to be lived in by the occupants themselves.

Some it was learned, turned in desperation to the Relief Camp authorities to apply for a room over their heads, but were turned down. An inmate remarked to the "China Mail" that the move was untimely and is bound to work unusual hardships on them when the housing shortage was becoming more acute every day with the influx of large numbers of evacuees from Shanghai and other parts of war-torn China.

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Oil Talks In Persia

Teheran, May 14.

An official announcement here today on the talks just concluded between the Persian Government and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company said that both sides will communicate their final views within the next fortnight on the proposals discussed.

Sir William Fraser, the Company's Chairman, who took part in the talks, has left for London, the announcement said.

Talks between the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company and the Persian Government about the Company's concession have been going on, with interruptions, since August last year.

The Persian Government is anxious to obtain more money from the company for its seven-year national development programme. The Government says that its share of the company's profits is less than half what the British Government gets in profit, taxes and dividends.—Reuters.

EISENHOWER BACK AT WORK

New York, May 15.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower was back on the job at Columbia University yesterday after a tour of military duty in Washington and convalescence in the South from an illness.

General Eisenhower was called to Washington in February to serve as temporary presiding officer of the joint Chiefs of Staff in working out a number of knotty problems confronting the armed forces.—Associated Press.

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NOTICE is hereby given that
an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the Company will be held at the Office
of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &
Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong
Kong, on Friday, the 20th day
of May, 1949, at Noon for the
purpose of considering and, if
thought fit, passing the follow-
ing Resolution as a Special
Resolution:—

"That the following shall be
substituted for Clause 95 in
the Articles of Association of
the Company:—

"Each Director of the Com-
pany shall be paid out of the
funds of the Company re-
muneration for his services at
the rate of \$4,500.00 per annum
and such further sums as the
Company in General Meeting
may from time to time deter-
mine."

By Order of the Board
of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, April 26, 1949.

THE HONGKONG AND
WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS will be held in the
Board Room of the Company,
Room No. 308, Queen's Build-
ing, Hong Kong, on Thursday,
the 19th May, 1949, at noon for
the following purposes:—

1. To receive and consider
the Statement of Ac-
counts and Balance Sheet
and the Report of the
Directors and Auditors
thereon.
2. To declare a dividend.
3. To elect Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors and
fix their remuneration.
5. To transact any other
ordinary business of the
Company.

ALL MEMBERS are cordial-
ly invited to attend and par-
ticipate in any discussion which
may ensue.

By Order of the Stewards,

D. L. PROPHET,
Actg. Secretary.

Hong Kong, May 14, 1949.

NOTICE

THE CHINA COAST
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The Ordinary General Meeting
of members of the above Guild
will be held at the office, Union
Building, 21 Pedder Street, Hong
Kong, at 5 p.m. on Monday, May
16th, 1949.

GEORGE T. LLOYD,
General Secretary.

Hong Kong, May 14, 1949.

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Please Don't Jump
To Conclusions

London, May 15.

The Conservatives gave Labour a beating in Brit-
tain's latest municipal elections, but that does
not necessarily mean they will capture the Gov-
ernment next year.

That is the view of cautious observers on both sides
of the fence yesterday as they looked over full
returns from Thursday's voting for Councils in
420 English and Welsh boroughs. The Councils
handle local Government functions.

Both parties had campaigned
with 1950 in mind. The British
Press Association's final unoffi-
cial tabulation of the results for
all boroughs shows:

The Conservatives captured the
largest number of Council seats
and were the only faction to
score a net gain.
They wound up with 1,856 of
the 4,693 seats at stake to
Labour's 1,778, Independents
941, Liberals 107 and Com-
munists 11.

Their net gain of 895 seats—
532 gained against 21 lost—com-
pares with net losses of 715 for
Labour—85 won against 800 lost
—and of 69 Independents, 21 for
Liberals, nine for Communists.

The tabulation for London
shows that Labour got more seats
but the Tories alone made a net
gain.

Still Ahead

Labour's seats were 739 to
the Conservatives' 616, Com-
munists' 11, Independents' four.
Liberals got none.
The Tories' net gains of 262
seats—272 gained to three lost—
stood against net losses of 202 for
Labour—eight gained to 270
lost—and seven for the Com-
munists. Independents broke
even.

Labour gave up six of London's
28 boroughs to the Tories and
finished with a reduced lead of
17 to 11.

Outside London, where con-
ditions were in the field and some
loyalties were hard to trace, the
control situation was complicated.

Newspapers estimate that
Labour lost from 16 to 19 of the
302 Councils outside London to
Conservatives or others. These
included Leicester, Newcastle
and Southampton. Associated
Press.

UNDERGRADS
IN FRACAS

Rome May 14.

Thirteen undergraduates
were injured—three seriously—
when fighting broke out to-
day in the University of Rome
after political disputes over the
election of a representative
Council for the Faculty of Law.
During the battle, men of the
extreme left and right wing
parties threw pieces of chairs,
desk seats and ink-pots at one
another.

The police forced an entry
and, after making about 15 ar-
rests, posted guards outside the
University. According to later
reports, the reason for the fight
was that the undergraduates of
the Neo-Fascist Italian Social
Movement resented the fact that
earlier student elections, in which
they had gained a majority, had
been declared void.—Reuter.

ISRAELI MEMBER
OF ILO

Flushing Meadow, May 14.
Israel, newly admitted to the
United Nations, has become the
61st member of the International
Labour Office.

The Israeli Foreign Minister,
Moshe Sharett, said today that
Israel delegates will attend the
I.L.O.'s Geneva conference on June
8.—Reuter.

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Clandestine
Presses
Discovered

Athens, May 14.

A secret Communist printing
press, in a cellar reached by a
rope ladder down a 10-foot
shaft, was today discovered by
the police at the Piraeus, the
port of Athens, the Athens news
agency reported tonight. Among
the first to visit the cellar was
Sir Charles Wickham, Chief of
the British Police Mission to
Greece.

The cellar was situated in the
ancient quarter of Kerkira, below
the house of a Communist printer.
In it were hand presses, said to be
of German make. Heaped around
the presses were piles of subver-
sive papers and pamphlets, some
of them including articles signed
by M. Nicholas Zachariades, the
head of the Greek Communist
Party, and by other Communist
leaders, the agency report said.
"Kizospatis," the official news-
paper of the Greek Communist
Party, which appears clandestinely,
was printed on these presses,
the report added.—Reuter.

"BANDIT KING"
HOLDING OUT

Palermo, May 14.

Salvatore Giuliano, aged 28,
"King of the Bandits," with a
handful of armed desperadoes, is
still holding out against an en-
circling force of battle-equipped
soldiers and police. The force,
which had closed on Giuliano's
mountain hide-out several days
ago, has been estimated at sever-
al thousand strong, including
locally recruited militia.
The force has been unable to
root out the bandits from their
lair. Giuliano is regarded by
many local people as the Sicilian
"Robin Hood."—Reuter.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Sixth Race Meeting,

SATURDAY, 21st MAY, 1949.

There are ten races. The First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.
and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Numbers (10 Races—\$20) may be obtained at the
Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, also
tickets for the special Cash Sweep on the "Lantao Handi-
cap" to be run at this Meeting. Tickets for the "Lantao Handi-
cap" may be purchased also at the club's Branch Office, No.
332 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their
ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED
throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO
THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure
and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through
the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a
Member, such Member, to be responsible for all club etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on
sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and
the Secretary's office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor,
Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club
House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 3
Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S
PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3
including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable
at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tin Tao men, etc. will not be permitted to
operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club
during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the
Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders
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tion and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of
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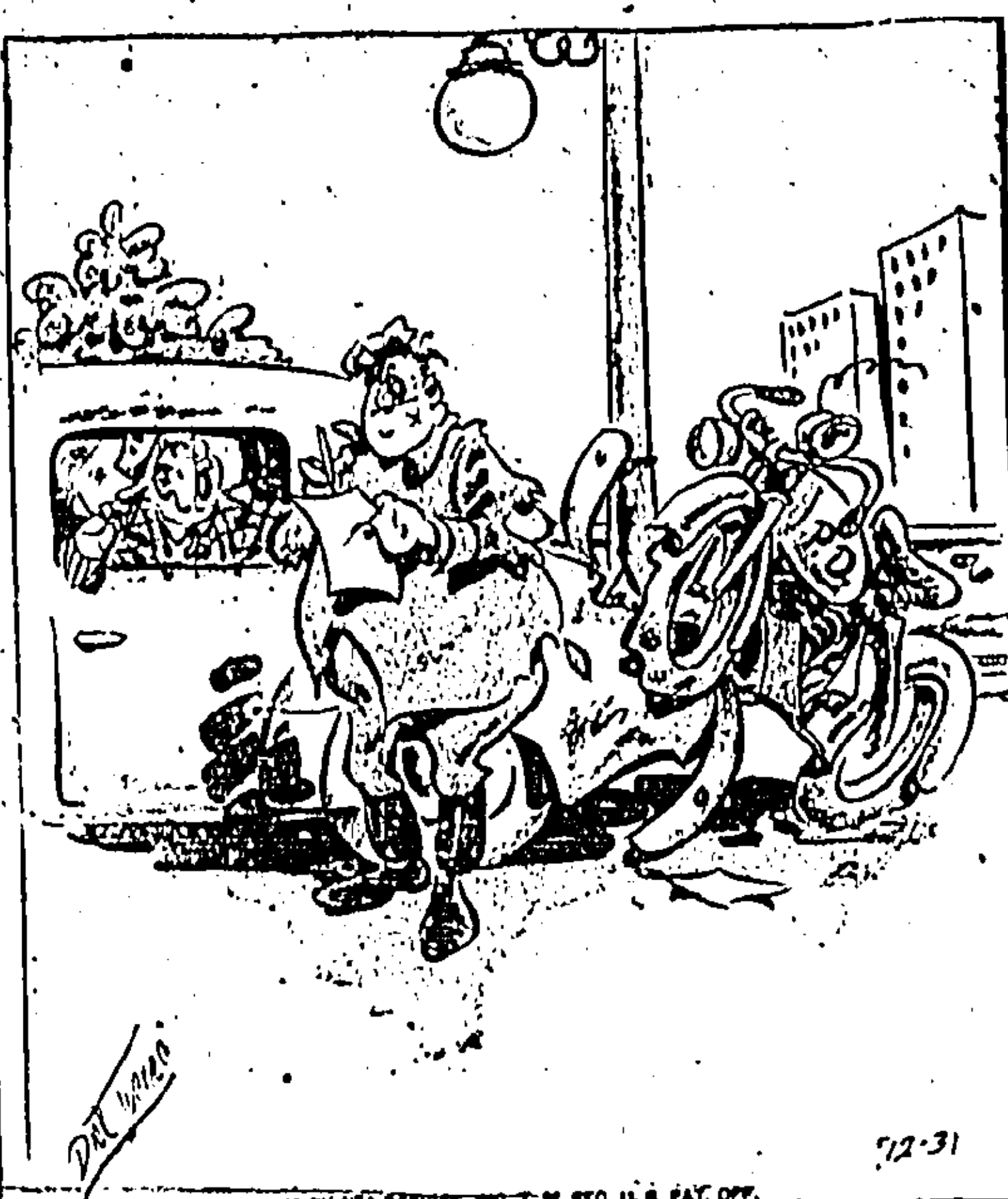
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IT IS sometimes amazing how
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series of bids may disclose the
length of suits, and an ensuing
slam convention call of one type
or another then completes the
tale of honour strength held.
That is especially so when cue-
bidding of aces or blinks, or else
Blackwood convention answers,
tell everybody certain specific
facts. The fine player who listens
eagerly may, through examining
the volunteered evidence, figure
out infallibly what should be a
safe opening lead in such a situa-
tion.

S A 7 3
H A 0 8 6 4
D 10 4 3
C 8 3
S Q 6 5
H Q 10 5
D K 7 5
C J 9 2
S J 10 9
H 8 7 3 2
D J 9
C 7 5 4
S K 4
H A Q 8 6 2
D A K J 10 6

(Dealer: North. Both side
vulnerable).
North East South West
Pass Pass 1 D Pass
1 H Pass 2 C Pass
2 H Pass 3 C Pass
3 NT Pass 4 NT Pass
5 H Pass 6 NT Pass

Having bent a keen ear to the
duty at hand, East had North's
holding sized up in a most accu-
rate way, to say nothing of
South's. For one thing, he knew
North had rebiddable hearts,
doubtless a five-card suit, from
the fact that they were called
twice. In addition he knew North
had two aces, from his response

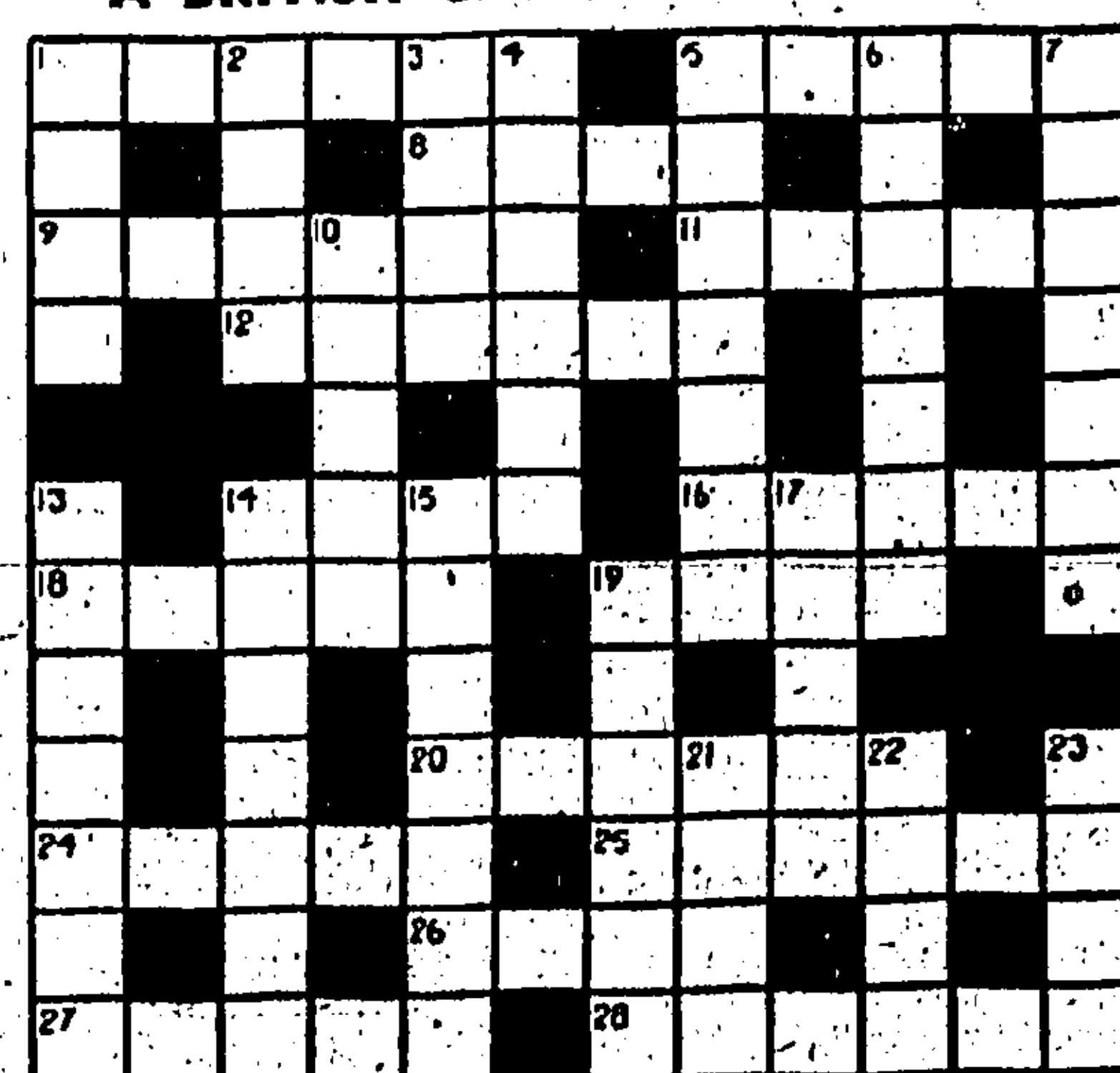
of 5-Hearts to South's 4-No
Trumps, which was meant as an
ace-measuring Blackwood.
Fuzzled momentarily either by
South's minor suits might be dis-
astrous, it dawned on him all of
a sudden that his own partner
must have the heart Q. If North,
with a five-card major and two
aces, also had the Q of his suit,
he should have opened the bid-
ding. And if South held the Q,
he might have supported the
hearts instead of putting the slam
into No Trumps.

So East led a heart without a
quail, his 2. His preference for
that suit was also caused partly
by the inference that the unbid
spades must surely be at least
doubly stopped, as they were,
else the contract would not have
been in No Trumps. With the
heart lead, North was doomed
as soon as he tried the diamond
finesse and lost it to West, hearts
ruining him. Against a spade,
slam was easy.

Tomorrow's Problem

S A K 3
H Q 4
D K Q 8 6
C J 5 3
S Q J 10
H 6 5 4 2
D 9 3 2
C 8
S 8 7
H A K 8 7 5
D A
C A Q 7 6 4
(Dealer: East. North-South
vulnerable).
If West injects an interfering
spade call during the auction,
then leads the Q, how should
South seek maximum results in
his 6-No Trumps?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 1 Smooth.
- 2 Place of pil-
grimage.
- 3 In addition.
- 4 Fall.
- 5 Pluck.
- 6 Summary.
- 7 Deeds.
- 8 The best.
- 9 Command.
- 10 Grain husks.
- 11 Cement mot-
torically.
- 12 Deserve.
- 13 Vexement
speech.
- 14 Pitcher.
- 15 Substantial.
- 16 Fault.

Down

- 1 Locally.
- 2 Frollic.
- 3 Wan.
- 4 Chooses.
- 5 Ozre.
- 6 Revisited.
- 7 Couple.
- 8 Books.
- 9 Naval rank.
- 10 Had cor-
ridance in.
- 11 Subsequently.
- 12 Ran away.
- 13 Terrible.
- 14 Uncommon.
- 15 Inclination.

Saturday's Crossword

ACROSS:—1 Mavis, 4 Averse,
Gallop, 10 Irate, 12 Arenas, 14
Charter, 17 Gown, 19 Coronet, 20
Invalid, 22 Neep, 23 Sisters, 27

Cement, 29 Aware, 30 Grouse, 31
Extent, 32 Meter.
DOWN:—1 Magic, 2 Villa, 3
Stout, 5 Vain, 6 Reason, 7 Eyelid,
9 Precise, 11 Ragout, 12 Brooding,
15 Home, 16 Reeper, 18 Rear, 20
Exult, 26 Sheer, 28 Mean.

HUNGARY HOLDING GENERAL ELECTION

'ON GUARD' ADVICE TO SOCIALISM

Baarn, May 14. Jonkheer M. van der Goea van Neters, acting leader of the Dutch Socialist Party, told the International Socialist conference here today that there will be no war as long as international socialism is courageous and on guard.

Opening the conference, Jonkheer van der Goea, said that the Atlantic Pact, "with its sensational results," gave the means to realise peace.

He pointed out that at past conferences, mainly national problems had been discussed, while this year, international matters are being considered, such as international control of Europe and joint responsibility industry, organisation of a united of the free countries.

This year's conference is expected to exclude finally Signor Pietro Nenni's Italian Socialist Party, which last year's conference suspended because of its co-operation with the Communists.

Signor Giuseppe Saragat's anti-Communist group, which split from the majority Socialist party, remains with the conference.

The question of emigre governments is expected to lead to long discussions and a lively debate is probable on the question of a European parliament, as British and French delegations differ on certain points.—Reuter.

"Stop Reparations" Demand By Japan

Tokyo, May 14. The Japanese Government intends to ask the Far Eastern Commission for overall stoppage of reparations payments in order to put Japan on her economic feet again.

The statement was made by the Director of the Reparations Board, Kikuchihiro Yamaguchi, before the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee.

The latest United States decision to halt reparations payments affects only the interim programme under which Japan is required to pay about 50 per cent of the total reparations claims, he said.

It is believed that the Far Eastern Commission will have power

Budapest, May 14. Hungary's third post-war general election will be held tomorrow. It will largely be in the nature of a plebiscite on the country's recovery drive.

Election speeches and appeals have particularly stressed the successful figures for the three-year plan, which is expected to be completed in two years and five months by the end of 1949. They have also emphasised the rapid drop in unemployment and the rise in the standard of living.

The five parties of the People's Front will contest the election on a single ballot. Opposition may be registered by abstention, invalidation of the vote or marking the "no" space on the ballot form. Budapest observers do not expect many abstentions, particularly in view of the recent appeal to Catholics by the "Bishop of Bishops" to exercise their civic duty on polling day.

The Popular Front is now composed of the three parties of the Government Coalition, two smaller former Opposition parties and a mass organisations, including trade unions.

In the Government Coalition are the Hungarian Workers Party, a fusion of the former Communist and Social Democratic Parties; the Smallholders, whose leader is the Prime Minister, M. Istvan Dobi; and the National Peasant Party.

The two former Opposition parties now in the Front are the Independent Democratic Party, led by Father Balogh, a Catholic priest, and the small Radical Party.

The election must be viewed in the light of the fact that Hungary today claims to have improved the living standard of its working population considerably faster than some other countries. Food is much more plentiful and cheaper than even a year ago. Shops are filled with textiles and consumer goods, at prices which

the ordinary workers can increasingly afford.

A recent Popular Front appeal said that the election was called "to give our people the opportunity to express their approval of the thorough changes which have occurred in two years in the economic and social life of the country."

It referred to "the crushing of large land holdings and big capitalist reaction and the agents of foreign imperialism from our political life; our peace policy to defend our country's independence; the constructive work and freedom of our people; and the five-year plan, which is to guarantee the further elevation of our country."

M. Matyas Rakosi, Hungarian Workers' Party leader, winding up the election campaign in a radio speech tonight, promised that the government's five-year plan will do more for the people than had been done in half a century before the war.

Its success, however, depends on the preservation of peace, he added. The International "Peace Front" had been immensely strengthened by the victories of the Chinese Communist Party, he said, and the solution of the Berlin question is a victory for the Soviet peace policy.

Of tomorrow's elections, M. Rakosi said that Counts, Barons and other aristocrats no longer head the election lists, as in the recent past. The social status of the candidates reflects the changes which have taken place in the country.

Of the 839 candidates running in the election, 340 are working peasants, 310 industrial workers, 197 intellectuals and the rest craftsmen, employees and small shopkeepers. Among the candidates are 150 working women.

M. Rakosi said the stand taken by the leaders of the Catholic Church in Hungary on the elections had been very important, but the support of local priests had meant even more. These priests, he said, had become convinced from their own experience that the People's Front is serving the right cause. He hopes the Church leaders will take further steps and make a final agreement between the Church and State possible.

One of the trump cards in the hand of reaction, he said, had been the possibility of a drought but with ample rain "even nature seems to have supported the People's Democracy"—Reuter.

TRADERS WANT COMPENSATION

Accra, Gold Coast, May 14. More than 100 traders claiming to have suffered through the "cost of living" riots in March, last year, have called demands to Mr. Arthur Creech-Jones, the Colonial Secretary for full compensation.

The Gold Coast Legislative Council has declined to vote £1,000,000 as an ex-gratia grant to the victims. The traders contend that as law-abiding and tax-paying foreigners, they are entitled to full protection from the Government. They have also cabled to the Indian, Syrian, Lebanese and Greek envoys in London.—Reuter.

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The new logical way of counting age which was first introduced in the Upper House was passed by the House of Representatives and became law today effective with the turn of the year.—United Press.

Alleged Assassin Arrested

Cairo, May 14.

With a gun blazing in each hand, young, handsome Mohamed Youssef Malik, alleged to have been the organiser of the assassination of the Egyptian Premier, Nokrashy Pasha, last December, was arrested at dawn today by a strong force of police on El Fawal island, off Alexandria.

Malik is believed to be the chief of the outlawed Moslem Brotherhood.

There was a half-hour gun battle on the fifth floor of a house when a combined police force from Cairo and Alexandria encircled the building in which they believed Malik to be hiding. None of the police was injured.

The arrest of Malik ends a month-long, nationwide search. Placards offering a Government reward of 1,000 Egyptian pounds over Malik were displayed all over Egypt. The Prime Minister took the lead in the last phase of the search for Egypt's most wanted man.

He sat late into the night planning the arrest with the Secretary of the Interior and the chiefs of the Cairo and Alexandria police.—Reuter.

PIN REMOVED FROM LUNGS

Brisbane, May 14.

Doctors here have removed a pin from the lung of a girl aged 3 with a specially designed electromagnetic bronchoscope.

The girl, Mary Linette Meyer, is reported out of danger and sleeping well. The surgeon who removed the pin was guided by an assistant with a double-ray apparatus (a bronchoscope, built on the principle of the telescope, is passed down through the large wind-pipe, enabling the physician to see the interior of the larger bronchial tubes).—Reuter.

MISSION TO JAPAN A SUCCESS, EXPERT SAYS

San Francisco, May 15. Joseph M. Dodge, United States Minister and Financial Advisor to General Douglas MacArthur in Japan, believes his mission to stabilise the Japanese economy was a success. Mr. Dodge arrived on board the American President Lines' luxury liner President Wilson.

Mr. Dodge boarded the ship at Yokohama with his assistant, Dr. Ralph W. Reid. He is returning to report to the State Department and does not think he will be required to return to Japan.

Mr. Dodge praised the co-operation his mission had received from General MacArthur and his staff and from the Prime Minister, Mr. Yoshida, and the Finance Minister, Mr. Ikeda.

He said the mission's efforts, based on the stabilisation directive of December 10, 1948, produced certain significant results as follows:

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"5—The tightening of the process of raw materials allocating for the purpose of maximizing export and products.

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Uproar At Socialist Congress

Rome, May 14.

Stormy interruptions from pro-Communist supporters of Signor Pietro Nenni, the Socialist leader, caused the suspension of this morning's session of the Italian Socialist Party's National Congress.

Their uproar silenced Signor Enzo Chiesa, trade union leader and one of the party's right wing chiefs. Signor Chiesa criticised the way in which the trade union policy is directed by the Communist and pro-Communist Socialist leaders.

Signor Chiesa accused them of provoking labour unrest for "purely secondary reasons." Unable to make himself heard above the noise made by the Nenni supporters, Signor Chiesa shouted: "All right, if you won't let us speak we will get out."

The Chairman suspended the session until the afternoon. Most observers here expect Signor Nenni to win a victory for his pro-Communist view tomorrow, when the various left, centre and right wing motions are voted on.—Reuter.

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IRISH FANTASY

The motion introduced in the Irish Parliament in Dublin calling on the British Government "to end the present occupation of our six North Eastern counties and thereby enable the unity of Ireland to be restored and the age-long differences between the two nations brought to an end," belongs to the realm of pure fantasy, coming as it does only two months after the sweeping Unionist victory in the Northern Ireland elections. These elections were in effect a plebiscite on the attitude of Northern Ireland towards the new Republic in the South, and the result was overwhelmingly decisive. The Ireland Bill which was approved by the House of Commons in London merely affirms the right of Northern Ireland to continue her present status so long as the majority in the Belfast Parliament supports it. To call that a violation of the rights of the "Irish Nation" is a travesty well overstepping the borders of the ludicrous and to speak of a "British occupation" of the North is an affront to all the facts. The whole anti-partition agitation rests on an empty and indeed arrogant pretence that Ireland is a political as well as a geographical unity. The political unity of Ireland ceased only when the Southern Irish chose to disrupt it and no British Government which supported its coercive restoration on a basis of an all-Ireland Republic would survive for five minutes. Not for the first time the Southern Irish have reacted to British generosity by inventing some new pretext for "bitterness" and in the privileges which the Ireland Bill extends towards the Republic foreigners in the South it is generous almost to the point of quixotry. The only valid criticism against the Bill is that of Sir Basil Brooke, the North Ireland Premier, when he complains that its acceptance of the title "Republic of Ireland" implies the unwarranted admission of the Southern Irish pretensions.

Russian Strategy

With the removal of the Russian restrictions both in Berlin and in Austria, it is pertinent to ask if Russia is really seeking a settlement in the West. It is important not to jump to the conclusion that she is, but it would be folly to assume blindly that she is not and so perhaps be unready for events. Russia's reasons for wanting to end the cold war could be very simple. In the first place if she is still irreconcilably hostile she may feel that she could do more damage by pretending to be friendly, or she may simply have taken the notion that perhaps she would like a little Marshall Aid for herself or for her satellites. Or perhaps an age-old Russian urge has asserted itself again. The opportunities in the Far East may be beckoning and when that happens, as it has often happened before, caution always enjoins Russia to ease the pressure in the West. If any or all of these forces are operating, Europe may soon breathe more freely. But the Democracies will hardly dare to

PART I: "THE PRIMATE OF HUNGARY"

THE MINDSZENTY STORY



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No great son of Catholic Hun-

Who Was He?

What was his origin? And what the secret of the astonishing career that raised him to the purple, that made him a great father of the Church and twentieth-century prophet? He sprang from a tiny village of Magyar Hungary, an intimate Magyar village of the last hundred years rose from like humble beginnings. (Janos Simor was a cobbler's son; the father of Kolos Vaszar was a furrier of Keszthely, the town on Lake Balaton; Csakolai; Justinian Szecsi was the ninth child of a tiler.) But in contrast to his predecessors, Cardinal Mindszenty did not become the possessor of the Primate's huge estates, extending over seventy-five thousand Hungarian acres. He was thus able to preserve unaltered the austere and simple atmosphere of his parental home, not only in the parsonage of Zalatorszentkereszt, where he began his career, but likewise in the ancient Bishop's Castle of Veszprem and in the Primate's residence of Esztergom, the "Hungarian Zion." In two thousand years the Catholic Church has learnt the delicate art of reconciling democracy of social origin with the hierarchy of Church government.

Burning Fire

Anyone who has lived in close contact with Cardinal Mindszenty and observed him cannot have failed to sense that in him lived the fire of Old Testament prophets, the zeal which scourged the sins of their nation and its rulers, the severity and rigour of the Fathers of the Early Christian Church. In him the ideal represented by St. Ambrose and by St. John Chrysostom was tempered in the fire of abstinence of penitence and devotion, asceticism, in the ordeal of the light that grew more embittered day by day. How often after the autumn of 1947 did he revert in his sermons, pastoral letters and, finally, in the last message to his priests in the days before his arrest, to the famous oration of St. John Chrysostom, delivered at Constantinople: "The waves roar and fearful is the storm, but we are not afraid of going under, for we are standing on a rock. Let the sea rage how it will, it cannot shatter this Rock. Let the tempest assail us; it cannot make the ship of Jesus founder. Truly, of what should we be afraid? Of death? For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Philippians, I, 21.) Of exile? "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof." (Psalm XXXIV, 1.) Of the confiscation of our property? "For we brought nothing into the world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out." (First Timothy, VI 7.) "Whatever the world uses to frighten me, I despise; whatever it tempts me with, I laugh into its face." All he prayed for, all he longed for, became his portion, as it was St. John Chrysostom's. In his episcopal ordination sermons, in his opening speech to the convocation of the St. Stephen's Academy, he cited St. Ambrose as an ideal and example to be followed; if for no other reason, because of the analogy. He described the sainted bishop of Milan as a man who "did not vacillate between embittered Christianity and paganism, who had no desire to appear in a realistic politician." St. Ambrose told the powerful Emperor Theodosius that it was "not right for an Emperor and Temporal Authority to ban free speech; nor was

it right for the servants of the Church to keep silent their opinions." When they sought to remove him from his see, he replied: "Naturally I shall not desert my flock. If they compel me, it is not for me to raise the standard of excommunication against you, arms and Gothic mercenaries I have but one weapon, my tears; but I shall not budge, I cannot desert the Church in her tribulation. I await the cruel sentence of the Emperor."

No, Mindszenty was not a "realistic politician." He did not stop to study the intricacies of power, or to calculate the currents of political influence. In season and out of season he proclaimed the teaching of the Church, directing the searchlight of the Gospel to every un-Christian phenomenon of public life; criticising every anti-religious encroachment of the government and the Communist Party with harsh words and caustic pen. And after everything had been tried, intimidation and flattery alike, to move him to an agreement with the Communist-dominated government to which he was steadfastly indifferent as to yield would have meant the surrender of the rights of the Church, together with her social, educational and charitable mission. When these efforts had failed they offered him the possibility of escape, of flight. They hoped in this way to eliminate thus the greatest spiritual obstacle to the complete bolshe-ization of Hungary, to break the backbone of the resistance of the Hungarian Catholic Church. But Cardinal Mindszenty, unmoved at his post in Esztergom, like the watchman in the vision of the Prophet Isaiah, to whom the people might call: Custos, quid de nocte? Watchman, what of the night? Cardinal Mindszenty did not budge, he awaited the cruel sentence of the Emperor.

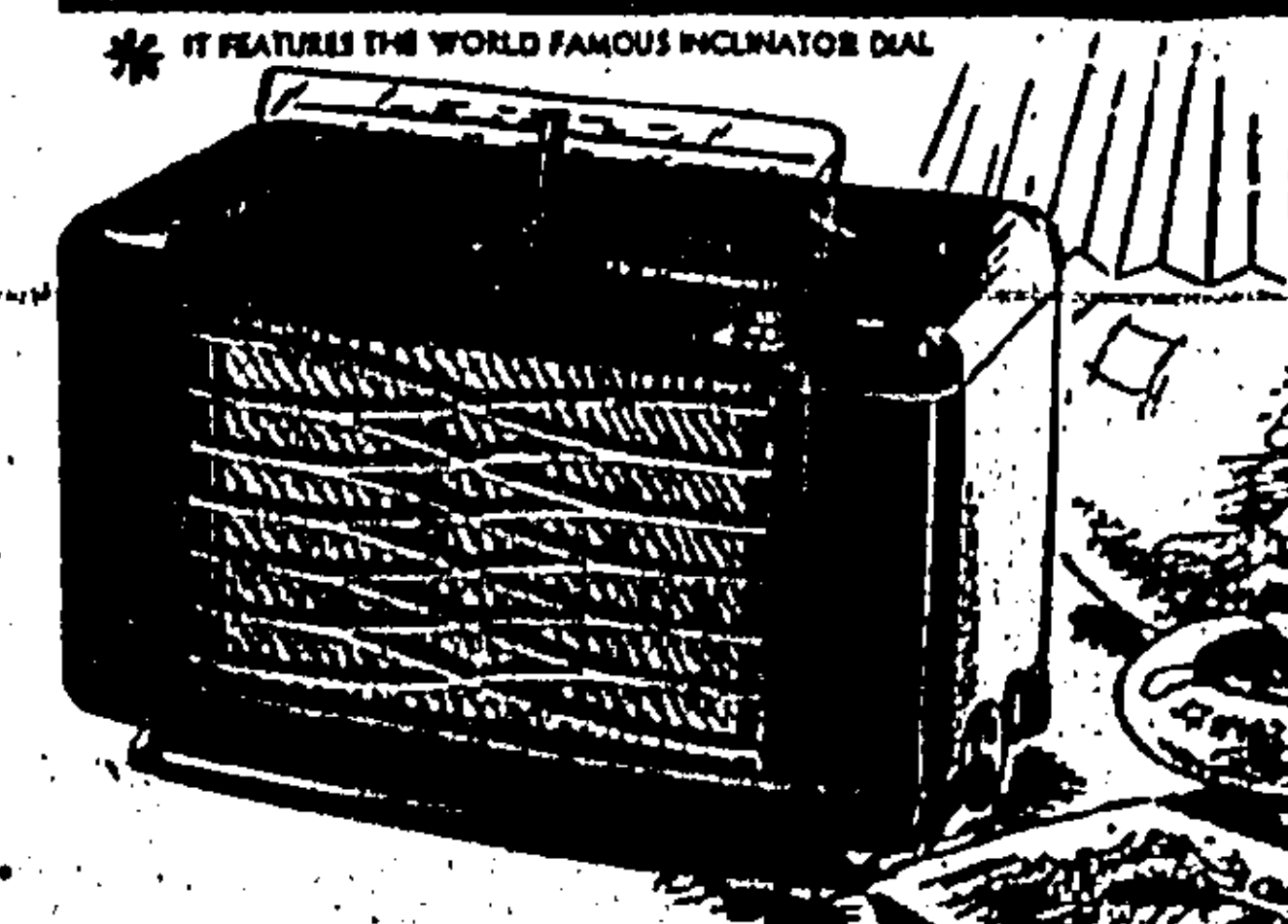
Mother's Help

The riddle of a great man's career and destiny is often explained by his relations with his mother. The simple peasant woman of Csehi-Mindszenty inspired Cardinal Mindszenty not only in his powerful work "On The Mother," which he wrote with his heart's blood, but the cult of motherhood was a cardinal factor of his whole spiritual and intellectual life; above all, he was devoted to the ideal of the earthly and heavenly Mother and to the common mother of all Catholics, the Roman Catholic Church. His own mother must have been inspired by some strange, ineffable, instinctive mystic power when she sent her ten-year-old boy to the College of Szombathely, the episcopal city of Western Hungary. When she made this decision—an enormous one for a poor Hungarian peasant family—the village postman broadcast the news with the comment: "Those Pelmars have bitten off more than they can chew." But for a dozen years the mother held her peace. She travelled back and forth to Szombathely, carrying food and money to her student son, and twelve years later when the same village postman brought to the house the letters and telegrams for the young priest celebrating his first mass, she broke her silence and said: "You see, the good God helped us to chew what we bit off." Was it not the spiritual strength of the Mother of the Gracchi or of the Maccabees that inspired this tight-lipped, simple peasant woman when she sent this message to her son, who, as Bishop of Veszprem, had been imprisoned by the Nazis: "My son, if in your youth you were able to endure prison do not now seek to save your life." With the eternal and inexorable instinct of a mother, she felt that the higher her son rose the greater need he had to watch over him. She was not dazzled by the brilliance of his achievement; rather, it filled her with fear and with a tremulous anxiety—for this career had raised around him a storm of ardent admiration and immovable hatred. When she was asked if her son had given her much happiness she answered: "My son has often made me happy, but I was the happiest when he was at my side preparing himself for the priesthood. Later I wept for him. I cried when he went out for Veszprem and I shed tears when he was called to Esztergom." What poet could utter the feelings that must have wrung the mother's heart when on the Holy Feast of Christmas her son, the Cardinal, was taken from her embrace to begin the Calvary that led to moral or physical death?

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Puzzled correspondent sends me the following, culled from a local paper:

They were welcomed by the Geoffrey Fisher, who is an Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr. "Old Boy" of the college. Blake wants to know how many Geoffrey Fishers there are, and how many Archbishops of Canterbury. Maybe Dr. "Old Boy" would know.

Article describes Hong Kong traffic, tramways and motor, horns and cacophony of clattering noises.

Only difference between this and feeding time at the zoo is that the animals don't eat all the time.

Near Miss.

"We are unconcerned that the baby did not turn out to be a girl, as my wife half expected."

Entertaining family, entertained their friends with an out-of-door cocktail party, near Ramblers channel.

They were fortunate in choosing an evening with a rosy sunset. So it became Pink Gin Drinkers' Day.

Dark bottle green is a good colour for masculine bedrooms, says an article. Curtains patterned with beer and whisky labels and bloodshot chaly covers will of course complete the effect.

They say that when Stalin, the Georgian, is alone with Mikoyan, who is Armenian, their toast is "to hell with the Russians."

One Englishman is a gentleman; two Englishmen are a club; three Englishmen are a colony.

One Frenchman is a cavalier; two Frenchmen are three political parties; three Frenchmen are one married couple.

One Austrian is a poor fellow; two Austrians are two poor fellows; three Austrians—there are no three Austrians, because every third Austrian is a Czech.

"It says here he was shot by his wife, at very close range."

"Then then must have been powder marks."

"Yes—that's why she shot him."

On Saturdays taxi-drivers find their best business visiting car-parks on the very outskirts of the town. Here they pick up motorists who have been forced to abandon their cars at a two dollar ride from the GPO or the Gloucester.

Grievances, unlike bedclothes, should be slept on before being aired.

Auraton developer Larry Crosby has invented colour film which when shown in asylums sends lunatics into peaceful sleep. This is what many films have done to sane people for years.

Description of conceit: "If I could buy that man for my price and sell him for his I would be set up for life."

"Slow hot tears slid from under her lids and over her temples. Desperately she turned her face into the pillow."

Still upside down?

MUTUAL ACCUSATIONS

Alleged Hampering Of Inter-Zonal Trade

PLANNERS GET BUSY

Berlin, May 14.

The Eastern and Western authorities today accused each other of hampering inter-zonal trade, while four-power economic planners here quietly got on with the job—and are reported to be making good progress.

British transport advisory officials alleged that the Russians are not allowing vehicles to use the Autobahn from Berlin to Western Germany between 8.00 p.m. and 6.00 a.m., demanding supporting documents in addition to inter-zonal passes, from travellers entering the Soviet Zone.

The Russian authorities, complaining that the Western powers had failed to lift the counter-blockade entirely, are reported to be claiming the right to decide whether exports from Western Berlin should be allowed through their Zone.

Western transport officials said that so far few goods have left the city, most food trucks returning empty to the Western Zone.

The Western Commandants of Berlin, meeting as the Western Kommandatura, today approved an "Occupation Statute" for Greater Berlin, which gives the "Western" civil authorities practically the same power as the Western Allies have already given the Western German Parliamentary Council at Bonn.

It grants wide legislative, executive and judicial powers to the "Western" City Assembly, but reserves to the Allied Kommandatura control in several fields, including disarmament and demilitarisation, banking, external relations and foreign trade.

The Berlin headquarters of the Communist-sponsored People's Congress estimated tonight that 12,000,000 Russian Zone Residents will vote in the Congress "elections" tomorrow and Monday.

The Congress, in an appeal to voters, who can only accept or reject a block list of candidates, has called for:

German unity, and an early peace treaty. The withdrawal of all occupation forces, East-West talks between Germans and a common currency throughout Germany.

"Unity" Appeal

An article by Dr. Otto Dibelius, Evangelical Bishop of Berlin and Brandenburg, "earnestly and urgently demanding the unity of Germany," published in the official Soviet newspaper, "Tegliche Rundschau," on the eve of the elections, is expected to have considerable effect.

(Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, Under-Secretary of State for German Affairs in the Foreign Office, said in Paris today that it would be misleading to say that Britain had subscribed to any plan for a withdrawal of occupation troops to North German ports.

(Dr. Philip Jessup, United States Ambassador-at-large, said yesterday that a report that the United States is considering such a plan is inaccurate and highly misleading.

(Sir Ivone, Dr. Jessup and M. Alexandre Parodi, of France, met in Paris today for preliminary talks for the "Big Four" Conference on Germany to be held in Paris on May 23.)

Mr. Arthur Henderson, Secretary of State for Air, took off from Berlin's Gatow Airport today after a short inspection of the airlift.

During his tour, Mr. Henderson told airmen that the people at home were proud of them and grateful for the contribution they had made to the stabilisation of the international position.

"The ending of the blockade does not constitute a final settlement of the outstanding difficulties which exist between the Russians and the Western democracies," Mr. Henderson said. "That is a task for the Council of Foreign Ministers."

Talks Today

"The Royal Air Force and the United States Air Force, by their efforts, however, enabled us to reach a position where we can negotiate without being subjected to duress. It may well be necessary to continue the airlift for a time in order to maintain this position," he said.

The delegates of the Soviet Zone Economic Commission and the Bizonal Economic Administration will discuss the resumption of inter-zonal trade in Berlin on Monday, the Soviet-licensed AON news agency reported today.

The Bizonal Economic Administration, in a message today, agreed with the Soviet Zone Commission's proposal to send a delegation to Berlin, the agency said.

Bizonal exports topped \$25,000,000 during April and set up a new monthly post-war record, Mr. William Logan, Director of the Joint Export-Import Agency, has announced here. The April exports surpassed the March figures by \$3,750,000.

The Economic Co-operation Administration is prepared fully to restore the post-war pattern of Germany's trade with Eastern European countries, Mr. Norman H. Collison, head of a special ECA Mission, reported in Frankfurt today.

This will not draw Western Germany into the Russian orbit of influence, but will pierce the Iron Curtain and probably spur Eastern European interest in trade with the West, he said.

Willing To Sell

"Western Germany is ready to sell Eastern Europe everything it wants to buy—everything except war materials," Mr. Collison declared.

He predicted: "Under the impact of revived East-West trade, the Iron Curtain will fall; it is bound to fall, and I do not mean through armed force."

He considers it self-evident that Western political ideals will flow Eastwards on the heels of exports.

Under the present draft ECA plans, Bizonia's export-import trade with Eastern Europe will be brought by 1952-53, when Marshall aid ends, to some 20 per cent of the Bizonia's total trade target. This is expected by then to be £700,000,000 both ways.

If achieved, the 1952-53 trade with Eastern Europe will be three per cent more than Nazi Germany's peak in 1936.

Mr. Collison pointed out that in the first year of ECA, the Anglo-American Zone of Germany had negotiated trade agreements with Poland, Hungary, Rumania, Finland, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, in spite of the Soviet antagonism to the European Recovery Programme.

Barge Through

Though in 1948 Eastern Europe bought only four per cent of Bizonia's total exports (£125,000,000) and supplied only two per cent of its imports (£254,000,000), Mr. Collison predicted that it will be increasingly difficult for Russia to dominate Eastern Europe trade in view of the rising production in Western European Marshall Plan countries.

"If the Russians try to tell the Poles where to sell their hard coal, the Poles are going to look down their noses. They know that they can sell it to the West for hard currency or badly needed industrial equipment," he said.

The first barge to make the trip from Hamburg into the Soviet Zone since the blockade was lifted arrived at the British control point at Schnackenburg, in the British Zone, tonight.

It was the 110-ton barge Anna, which is transporting gift parcels and general cargo to Berlin. The skipper of the barge, Rudolf Schütte, who has made hundreds of journeys on the Elbe to Berlin, said that he is not worried by the Russian control but he doubted whether the Russian officials will inspect the cargo until tomorrow. He hopes to be in Berlin on Monday afternoon.

The owner of the barge is his father, who, like many other barge proprietors on the Elbe, has only one boat.

He said the next barge to come up the river will be the Martha, carrying a load of oranges and general cargo for Berlin.

The Russian control point is 12 miles further up the river at Wittenberg.—Reuter.

Royal Visit Definitely Off

Sydney, May 14.

The "Sydney Herald", in a report from its Canberra correspondent, said today that Ministers who have talked with the Prime Minister, Mr. Chifley, since his return from London are convinced that there is no likelihood now of the King visiting Australia.

King George and Queen Elizabeth were to have visited Australia and New Zealand with Princess Margaret during the first half of this year, but the visit was cancelled because of the King's health.

Last November, Mr. Chifley read to the House of Representatives in Canberra a message from the King in which he said: "You may be sure that I look on it (the cancellation of the visit) only as a postponement, and that when circumstances permit, I shall make every effort to come and see you once more."—Reuter.

PI TO PROTEST ON REPARATION

Manila, May 14.

The Republic will file a protest with the Far Eastern Commission against the United States action in stopping further reparations from Japan.

The protest will be formally presented to the Commission by Ambassador Carlos P. Romulo, head of the Philippines delegation to the United Nations, either this evening or tomorrow.—Reuter.

SMUGGLING ALLEGED IN HK SHIPS

San Francisco, May 15. Smuggled goods worth 120,000,000 in Chinese Communist dollars were last night alleged by the Communist-controlled Peking Radio to have been recently discovered aboard two Hong Kong steamers which had sailed from the British colony to Tientsin.

The names of the steamers are given as the Nanchang and the Hunan which, the Radio said, belong to a firm in Hong Kong.

The smuggled articles, which were all confiscated, included plastics, saccharine and dehydrated coffee, the Radio claimed.

It also said that since it was the steamers' first voyage to Red-occupied Tientsin the authorities there treated the cargo leniently. The ship-owners were given a stern warning.—Reuter.

RIOTERS FIRED ON BY POLICE

Tripoli, May 14.

The police opened fire several times here today to disperse attacking crowds of Arabs, who were incensed over the British plan for Libya. Troops were called out.

Earlier today, an angry crowd had stoned civil and military police after an Arab general strike and protest demonstrations.

A hundred leaders from all over the country met and decided on disobedience and armed resistance against the implementation of the British plan for Libya, which was passed by the United Nations Political Committee.

Mounted police barred the road from the Soudani mosque to the British administration headquarters as fresh demonstration occurred over reports that the UN General Assembly has decided to return former Italian colonies in Africa to Italy.

British military police and local police continue to patrol the city.

All British families have been advised to remain in their quarters except when doing necessary marketing under an armed guard.

Incidents included rock throwing and vandalism as small groups of Arabs formed at points in Tripoli city and paraded with Soudani banners and Red flags. They were dispersed by police.

Shops have been opening and then shutting as parades pass.

(The British plan for the former Italian colonies, which was contained in the Bevin-Sforza agreement of last week, would transfer Tripolitania from British to Italian trusteeship in 1951.)

(On May 10, the United Nations Political Sub-Committee, considering the future of the colonies, decided against an Iraq proposal that Libya—of which Tripolitania is part—should be granted immediate independence).—Reuter and Associated Press.

AGREEMENT NEAR ON INTER-ZONAL TRADE PROBLEMS

Berlin, May 15.

The three Western powers and Soviet Russia reached almost complete agreement yesterday on the mechanics of restoring Germany's East-West trade and full agreement is likely next Wednesday.

From then on, says Lawrence F. Wilkinson, economic adviser to the U.S. Military Government, inter-zonal German commerce should start moving. At the moment, despite the lifting of the blockade on Thursday, it is merely a dribble.

Simultaneously, the United States, Britain and France approved Western Berlin, and the Russians declared their intention to resume reciprocal deliveries to members of the Inter-Allied Reparations Agency in return for reparations delivered to her from Western Germany in the past.

The economic advisers of the big four military governments wound up three days of conferences yesterday.

Mr. Wilkinson issued a statement saying:

"We are making very good progress. The position is that both sides give and take a little and we will probably come out with a solution somewhere in the middle."

Currency Issue

Russia wants the revival of old East-West German trade agreements which were suspended when the Russians blockaded West Berlin last June.

The Western powers have contended that the agreements are outmoded, violate the current supply and demand markets and are based on a single Mark currency for all Germany, since supplanted by West Marks and East Marks for which there is no completely satisfactory exchange formula.

Mr. Wilkinson said the meetings will be suspended until Wednesday to give all a chance to work out new trade charts. He said it is likely that the full agreement will be signed, sealed and delivered that day.

Military Government authorities praised the atmosphere of the meetings, the first four power talks held in Berlin since last Spring. They said the post-blockade problems are vexing, but now appear likely of solution.—Associated Press.

PRINCESSES IN ROME

Rome, May 14.

Princess Chams and Princess Fatemeh Pahlavi, sisters of the Shah of Persia, arrived in Rome by air today from Teheran.

They are staying here for a few days.—Reuter.

Business Leaders' Warning

Washington, May 14.

American business leaders warned the United States Government today that, unless State spending is cut, the stability and efficiency of the national economy will be seriously affected.

They suggest, through their powerful Economic Development Committee, that the President be empowered to streamline Government departments as a start towards eliminating hundreds of millions of dollars waste.

The Committee states that the budget is too big, and lists among the factors raising Federal expenditure, a \$600 million increase in defence and foreign aid.

The Committee says that President Truman proposes next year to spend over \$46,000 million. With increased taxation, this will reduce the cash surplus to less than \$1,000 million even if the present level of national income does not decline.

The Committee says a tax increase is not necessary since, barring unforeseen international developments, spending can be reduced. President Truman has asked for \$4,000 million in additional taxes.—Reuter.

RESTRICTIONS IN AUSTRIA OFF

Vienna, May 14.

The Government announced today that Russia has agreed to lift its restrictions on the flow of goods between the occupation zones of Austria.

The announcement said that Colonel-General Alexei Shelto, Soviet Deputy High Commissioner, had assured Chancellor Leopold Figl that, effective on May 25, the Soviets will permit the free movement of coal, mineral and oil products, wood and wood products, metals, feeds and animal fodder.—United Press.

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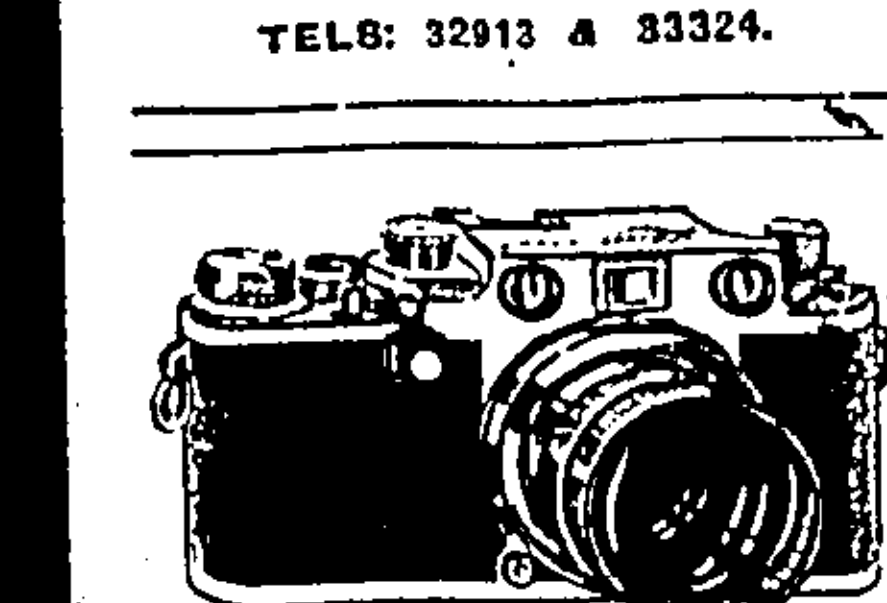
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COMMUNIST TAKEN OFF SHIP AT SOUTHAMPTON

Southampton, May 14.
Gorhart Eisler, German-born American Communist
leader, was tonight taken by the police off the
Polish liner Batory in Cowes Roads under a
warrant issued under the Extraditions
Act of 1870, and was taken by a tender to
Southampton.
It had been reported from the United States that the
authorities there had asked Scotland Yard to
arrest Eisler.

During a three-hour confer-
ence during the day on board
the Batory, at which Eisler was
present, representatives of the
Polish Embassy in London
strongly protested against his
being arrested, pointing out
that it is a Polish ship.
At a later conference tonight,
but Eisler was taken by four
British police officers, one at each
arm and one at each leg and car-
ried down three flights of stairs
from the Captain's quarters and
down the gangway into the
tender.

He was carried through crowds
of passengers on deck of the
liner. He will appear at the South-
ampton Magistrates' Court on
Monday, when application will
be made for him to be remanded
to appear at Bow Street, London.
A Polish Embassy official in
London said tonight that no
statement will be issued by the
Embassy until after consultations
with Warsaw.
A tender taking officials from
Southampton to the Batory had
gone out for a second time to
the ship tonight.

Carried Off

On the earlier occasion to-
day, British immigration offi-
cials and representatives of the
United States Embassy dis-
cussed the matter on board
with Mr. M. J. Panski of the
Polish Embassy in London, and
M. Zieminski, Polish Vice-
Consul in London.
The conference was adjourned
while the two Polish representa-
tives went back to Southampton
by tender to telephone their Em-
bassy.

When they returned to the
liner, the Polish officials protest-
ed strongly against any arrest,
and Eisler refused to leave the
ship. He was then carried off
by the four police officers.
Mr. Panski said Eisler had
made "a long and strong state-
ment" which they are going to
submit to the Ambassador.—
Reuter.

ITALIAN BAN ON PARADES

Rome, May 14.
The Italian Government to-
day banned mass political de-
monstrations in Rome and put
new restrictions on the openly
Fascist Italian Social move-
ment.

The police order approved by
the Cabinet last night is aimed
at eliminating neo-Fascist pro-
paganda and also at the Com-
munist-sponsored peace rally
fixed for June 14.

The order said that mass ral-
lies to which delegations are sent
from all over Italy disturb public
order of the capital and that per-
mission for such demonstrations
will be withheld. The only such
event of national characters now
due is the Communists' June
outing.

The Communists say the or-
der violates the constitutional
guarantee of free assembly.
Since the order refers speci-
fically to purely political orga-
nizations, it appears that the
Catholic Action Organisation de-
monstrations planned for this
Summer will not be affected.—
United Press.

LIAQUAT ALI IN TEHRAN

Teheran, May 14.
Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan,
Pakistan Prime Minister, ar-
rived here with his wife by
air from Baghdad today, on an
official visit.
The Pakistan Embassy staff,
Persian Foreign Ministry mem-
bers, led by the Minister, Ali
Ashgar Hekmat, diplomats from
Moslem countries and the British
Ambassador, Sir John Le
Rougelet, and Lady Le Rougelet
welcomed the Premier at the
airport.
Tonight he will be entertained
by Persia's Prime Minister, Mo-
hammad Saad Matarzhe, at a
banquet at the Foreign Ministry.
—Reuter.

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Drive Against "Paganism"

London, May 14.
Dr. William Wand, Bishop
of London, today reviewed
his "troops" outside St.
Paul's Cathedral on the eve
of a militant campaign
against "the crass paganism
of Central London and the
ignorance of Suburbia."
The "troops" were hun-
dreds of clergy and lay
specialists trained for the pur-
pose. A hundred and fifty
missionaries have also been
called in from all parts of
Britain to head the drive,
which will last a fortnight,
using orthodox methods to
break down paganism.
The objectives of the cam-
paign, according to Bishop
Wand, are:
1. "To make the half-
hearted full hearted."
2. "To capture the indiffer-
ent."—Reuter.

Reward For Killer's Arrest

Herford, May 14.
The British Military Govern-
ment today offered a reward of
15,000 Deutsche marks for the
apprehension of the murderer of
Sir John Sheehy, Financial Ad-
viser to the British Military Gov-
ernment, General Sir Brian Robert-
son.
Sir John was shot in his house
by burglars last Wednesday.
Major-General R. H. Bowler,
British Commander of the Ham-
burg District of the Rhine Army,
surprised a burglar at his home
at Falkenstein, near Hamburg,
last night. The man escaped by
jumping from a balcony.—Reuter.

WASHINGTON PLAN TO PREVENT AGGRESSION

Washington, May 14.
Officials said today that President Truman will soon
ask Congress for authority to spend \$1,470,-
000,000 next year to meet Soviet aggression
anywhere in the world.

A State Department policy statement on proposed
foreign military aid stresses that authority will
be sought to make flexible the use of these
funds and to meet emergencies as they arise.
The officials say the Admin-
istration means complete flexi-
bility to meet aggression any-
where. It does not want the
United States committed to
spend any specific amount in
any specific country.

If the Congress approves this
programme, which is expected to
go to Capitol Hill shortly, Pres-
ident Truman will have authority
to take large-scale arms aid to
any nation which suffers Soviet
aggression in 1950. He could thus
act quickly to meet any major
aggressive act directed
against say, India, Iran, Southern
Korea or any other free nation.
The policy statement makes it
clear that "aggression" would
cover internal Communist re-
volutions as well as outside at-
tacks. The broad authority asked
could conceivably also be used to
aid non-Communist China should
the Administration decide to
change its present "hands off"
policy.

Last Chance

The Department calls the arms
programme a "part of the price
we must pay for peace and se-

curity." The plan was drawn up
with an eye to rigid economy.
Its cost is low when compared
with its benefits.

The Department said: "To-
day, free nations hold the ini-
tiative in the Western world.
They are confident that they
can and will stand together in
the defence of their freedom.
If we turn aside from aiding a
common defence we may not
again have such an oppor-
tunity."
Although asking a free hand
for the Administration, the De-
partment emphasises that plans
for the common defence of the
free world must provide for the
security of Western Europe or the
new world may one day stand a
lone island in a hostile world.

"Other Nations"

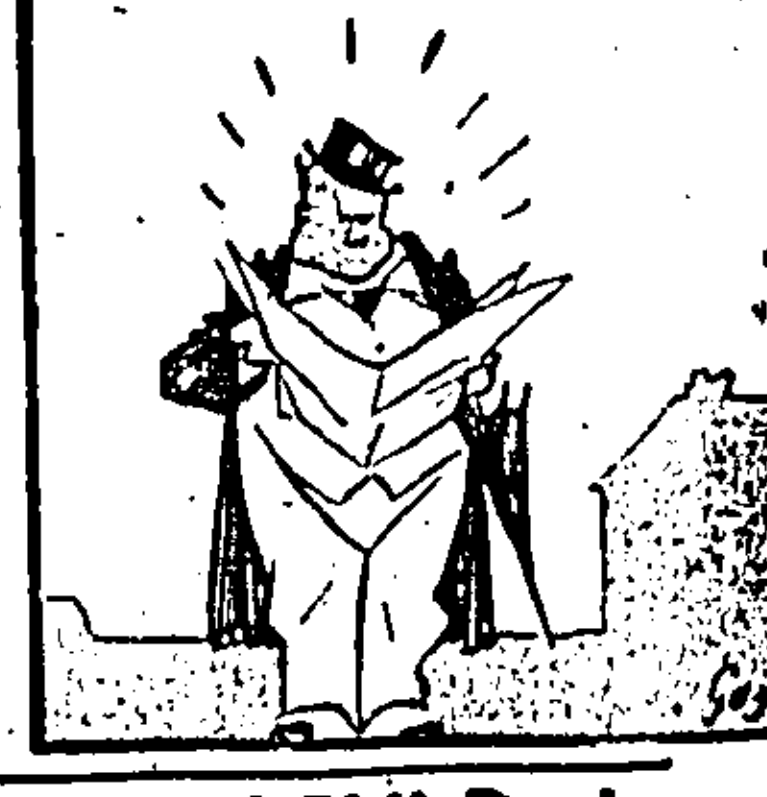
But, it adds the U.S. must bol-
ster not only Western Europe but
Greece, Turkey and "certain
other nations whose security is
important to us."
The figure of \$1,470,000,000
will, however, be distributed by
the Administration on the basis
of about \$1,100,000,000 for Wes-
tern Europe, about \$250,000,000

ATLANTIC PACT VOTE DELAY

Washington, May 14.
Political observers here expect
the heavy backlog of pending
domestic legislation in the United
States to delay a vote on the
ratification of the Atlantic Pact
for at least two months.
The Senate Foreign Relations
Committee hearings on the Pact
should end about the middle of
next week, but the Senate is not
likely to resume its work until
five days until the Committee has
completed its accompanying re-
port.
Republican and Democratic
leaders are convinced that the
Treaty will be ratified with the
required two-thirds majority after
a two or three weeks' debate, but
they can give no clear indication
as to when the debate will begin.
If necessary, the Senate will at-
tend its normal adjournment
date of July 31 to vote on the
Treaty.—Reuter.

for Greece and Turkey and
\$100,000,000 "contingency" funds
for the elsewhere.
The Administration will pledge
itself to spend money in that way
unless an emergency arises some-
where else. The officials point
out that \$100,000,000 "contingency" fund might not be suffi-
cient, for example, to counteract
any major Soviet drive against
India.—United Press.

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Copper and rails were early favorites. The copper group, in part, of the market for the second straight day. Saturday's rise stirred fresh speculation in Wall Street over the possibility that a long-heralded sustained rise might be giving some support to the theory that the groundwork may be under way for a decisive move.

Gains of a point or more were posted yesterday for Anaconda, Cerro de Pasco, Phelps Dodge and American Smelting, with Kennecott up a smaller amount. Higher prices were paid for Santa Fe, Great Northern, Southern Pacific and New York Central rail shares. Also up were U.S. Steel (old), Chrysler, Montgomery Ward and American Telephone.

Holding back were General Electric, American Woolen and General Motors.

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16 Rails 48.13,
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Anaconda Copper 29 1/2,
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Du Pont 100 1/2,
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General Motors 57,
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NY COTTON

New York, May 15. Cotton futures were lower in fairly active dealings. Traders ascribed the lower trend to disappointing action of the market following termination of dealings in the May, 1949, delivery.

Futures closed 60 cents to US\$1.05 lower.

July 32.00-04.
October 29.00-01.
December 28.70.
March 28.71 nominal.
May 28.54 nominal.
July 27.60 nominal.

Middling spot 33.80 nominal.—Associated Press.

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MIXED OPINIONS ON INVESTING IN INDIA

New Delhi, May 15.

Recent Indian Government efforts to attract foreign capital investment have led some foreign businessmen to express mixed reactions.

Most foreign firms in India are making money, and few if any businessmen have gone home in disgust, but nearly all have complaints. The cause of some of their troubles could be eliminated at once. Others will exist for years.

Skilled labour is hard to find and labour strife is prevalent. Inadequate transport holds up supplies and hampers distribution. A shortage of building materials delays plant expansion and erection.

The communication system is poor, telegrams are delayed, sometimes for days. Telephones are temperamental and mail goes astray. Customs are not helpful, and obtaining import licenses is a great deal of patience. Government departments suffer from two great handicaps: one, a super-bureaucratic attitude of employees trained under the British; and two, the inefficiency of untrained new employees.

Americans criticize the many laws affecting foreign trade which were imposed by the British to discourage competition and have not yet been repealed by the Government of India.

The British, however, will retain advantages so long as India remains in the Commonwealth.

Indian law requires a certain amount of Indian participation in some types of business, and this is not always easy to obtain. Indian capitalists have been cautious, and some take the attitude that Indian capital alone can do anything the foreign investor might do.

Some Complaints

This nationalism, common in most newly independent countries, also is found among the lower branches of the civil service.

Men in different businesses voice different complaints. A farm machinery representative says dealers are reluctant to stock parts, asserting that profit percentages are not high enough to justify much of an inventory. He points to the lack of competent help to repair machinery, and a general disinclination on the part of dealers to look after equipment once it has been sold.

A businessman who has spent 25 years in India says the lack of skilled labour is the greatest problem for anyone establishing a plant here. Productivity, he says, is extremely low because of lack of technical skill, inability to appreciate the importance of time, and a diet that does little to build stamina. He ventures the prediction that a firm manufacturing precision equipment here could not make a go of it even behind a 25 per cent protective tariff.

Petroleum products are badly needed in India, but an oil company official speaks of transport trouble. This cannot be surmounted until the Government-owned railways get more locomotives and rolling stock and are put on an efficient basis.

This same official says, however, that the Indian Government has co-operated to a very large extent.

"If you have a reasonable proposition and they can possibly do something I think they will go out of their way to help you," he remarks.

Would Pay

And a Western diplomat expresses the belief that it would pay foreign business to come to India. He says foreign firms head out that a World Bank delegation was told by foreigners in Bombay recently that they are guardedly optimistic about India's future.

"I think India is in a bad spot economically," he says. "There is not enough money, technical

CZECHOSLOVAK TRADE TALKS

Prague, May 14.

A Czechoslovak trade delegation which has returned here after four weeks of still uncompleted negotiations in the United States, had successful talks with representatives of American and British Banks and business firms on increasing Czechoslovakia's trade with the two Western countries. It was announced here today.

The delegation will resume economic talks with American Government officials after collecting certain necessary data, the announcement said.

Dr. Stetsinsky, the delegation's secretary, has remained in the United States. The seven-member mission, led by the deputy foreign trade minister, M. Evzen Loebl, arrived in New York on April 18 to continue the talks begun here three months before.

Czechoslovak trade and financial experts are to open negotiations in London about May 30.—Reuter.

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1.00 p.m.—Piano Playtime: Len Stevens, (ORHN)

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Programme Summary.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—"From Foreign Lands."

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.30 p.m.—"The Swing Time."

6.50 p.m.—Orchestral Favourites.

7.00 p.m.—Hospital Request Half Hour.

Presented by Joan Austen, (Studio)

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Half Hour.

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8.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis, (London Relay)

8.15 p.m.—Film Review by Ross Annot.

(Studio)

8.30 p.m.—"I Like What I Like" presented by Joan Austen, (Studio)

9.00 p.m.—"From the Editor's Office" (London Relay)

9.10 p.m.—"Concerto" Piano Concerto in E Flat Major (John Ireland)

Ellen Joyce (Piano) and the Hallé Orchestra.

9.40 p.m.—"Let Justice be done" Circumstantial Evidence "The Grippen Case" (BBC78)

10.40 p.m.—Music for Dancing.

11.00 p.m.—Radio News Real. (London Relay)

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Summary of News from China.

11.20 p.m.—Close Down.

WAGE DEMAND

Pittsburg, May 14.

The United Steelworkers of the Congress of Industrial Organizations tonight formally asked for a fourth wage rise for their 700,000 workers.

The demand, for an unspecified pay increase with social benefits, including pensions was made in letters to 835 steel companies, requesting negotiations.—Reuter.

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ss. "CORFU"	26th July	19th August
ss. "CANTON"	21st August	26th September

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ss. "CANTON"	8th July	8th August
ss. "CARTHAGE"	5th August	5th September
ss. "CORFU"	24th September	2nd October
ss. "CANTON"	30th September	31st October

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HONG KONG WATERFRONT

BY OUR HARBOUR REPORTER



Here is a composite picture of familiar scenes along the Connaught Road Praya. (1) Hanging at halfmast second from left is a fisherman's bamboo topee which signifies that the master is awaiting the licence number to be painted on his craft by the authorities. (2) Confusion reigns as soon the gangplank of a ship from Swatow or Amoy is down when men, women and children struggle grimly to get aboard or get ashore. (3) An Assistant Marine Officer compelling his day's work after patrolling the harbour checking on small craft. (4) Street urchins plotting in search of food, scooping rice from the road or picking bits of vegetables dropped by coolies unloading them. ("China Mail" Photos).

Life In The Raw On Hong Kong Waterfront

A patched gunny sack fluttering above a sailing craft or grimy street urchins fighting desperately to scoop fallen rice on dusty pavements—these present only a facet of the primitive mode of life to be seen along the Connaught Road Praya.

Here one sees the varied livelihood of the floating community, the wretched circumstances of refugees and the "survival of the fittest."

Only a stone's throw from the 20th century setting of the Colony these people live their own way—fervently observing centuries-old traditions but reluctantly accepting legalities imposed by the authorities.

Disciplined generation after generation the "water people" still stick to their own system of communication by traditional symbols, accepted even by the local authorities in some respects.

Here are some observations, practised today in port operations. A gunny sack is hoisted up when the master needs a tow boat to deliver the goods aboard his own craft within the specified period. This is necessitated by bad weather—either because the wind is unfavourable or when there is no wind at all.

To call for water, a wooden bucket is dangled at halfmast. Small "water carriers" go among the multitude of sailing craft along the Praya, in Yau-mut-ti-Typhoon Shelter and Aberdeen Harbour, to mention a few only.

Goods Hung Up

As seen in the top picture, the fisherman's bamboo "topee" hanging midway up the mast signifies that the master is awaiting his licence number to be painted on his craft by the authorities. The sailing junk is a boat which has recently been built. The owner lives aboard with his three young sons and his wife. When "shot" by our cameraman last week-end, there were still traces of the launching ceremonial prerequisites—pieces of "lucky" red cloth, bits of fireworks and joss sticks—strewn all over the deck.

The master himself was busy with his sons in touching up the craft, painting the partitions to form several small lockers along the sides.

When the craft is loaded with cargo for sale he will hang up the article for sale. A bundle of firewood denotes the type of goods aboard. To indicate that pottery and earthenware are for sale, an earthen stove will be put up.

To identify their own craft, boat masters hang up individual symbols. Besides the pennants of the companies which patronize them, each craft will be identified by tassels, hung at the mast-head. The different manner of hanging the tassels and the varied numbers serve to guide the

Waits' Hard Time

Along the Praya between the Wing Lok and the West Point (Gardine, Matheson) Wharves, the day—each armed with a broom, a haversack and a crude tin shovel—in search of food. They scoop fallen rice off the road or pavement when coolies unload bags of rice from trucks to the stores, lined up along part of the deck. One or two vegetables fall off baskets as they are being carted off from cargo craft to various destinations, the grimy boys and girls, whose ages range from 10 to 15 years, fight desperately for possession of what is to them, much-needed food.

These waifs, mostly Swatow natives who came here with the hundreds of refugees from China, live along the "sidewalk-in-Connaught Road."

They live day by day—fighting for fallen vegetables and rice. Some beg for money during "leisure hours."

Public water pipes provide "refreshments" to these squatters. A phenomenon is that very few accidents occur in the vicinity where the boys and girls, sometimes even grown-ups, rush about here and there scooping up rice or picking up bits of food, changing one another or fighting grimly, without regard to the traffic.

Every hour of the day, lorries come and go with their cargo. Then one sees these urchins scooping frantically from the road, pavement, under the vehicle or from the deck. One or two would be caught on the lorry just as it moves. They would jump down recklessly from the moving vehicle.

Disembarkation Rush

A familiar "confusion" along the Praya is the disembarkation of hundreds of arrivals from China.

Here one sees "the survival of the fittest" as men, women and children fight grimly for food ashore or get aboard as the gangplank is down. Passengers aboard scream for coolies to carry their luggage. The "red coats" (wharf coolies) about themselves "horse" trying to keep order. People shrink

when squeezed as they descend the narrow gangway.

Babies cry noisily as their mothers struggle to get ashore, with their offspring strapped behind and both hands carrying their baggage.

Some eager ones clamour outside the gangway to board the ship. Others as eager throw down their luggage from the vessel to the pier—about 10 feet.

Once ashore, they line up to get through the barrier, beyond which Revenue officers search for prohibited articles.

The real trouble for a newcomer begins as soon as he leaves the pier. The new arrival has engaged two "black-coats" (coolies) to carry his luggage. These men are demanding exorbitant sums for the four pieces.

An argument ensued, with the passenger getting the worst of it—called at by the coolies and embarrassed by the curious stares of the others.

To "save face" he pays—and normally some coolies get away with charging \$2 a piece, four times the controlled rate accepted by the redcoats.

Once this ordeal is over, the problem of transport presents itself. Rickshaw coolies exploit the situation. With so many others rushing to get them, our friend has no alternative but to accept the charge—usually five times the normal charge.

IN MY LOG

Last week saw the appearance of a long overdue handbook which is first of its kind in the Colony.

It is a compilation by Mr. F. Brett of abstracts from the Merchant Shipping Ordinance 10 of 1939 and published by the Marine Department.

The handbook contains certain other information for the general guidance of owners, masters and agents, in the licensing, regulation and control of launches, ferry vessels, motor boats, junks, lighters and other similar types of craft.

Features of the book include the Ordinances covering arms and ammunition, smuggling into China (Control) 1948, Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Suppression of Piracy and Insanitary and overcrowded vessels.

There are several maps of the Typhoon Anchorage, Harbour Anchorage and boundaries of the Sino-British Customs agreement. The handbook is on sale at \$3.00 a copy.

Thanks to the Chinese Seamen's Union, Mr. Tung Hing-tai, 65-year-old bosun, who retired after 43 years of service with Butterfield and Swire, received

(Continued on Col. 6)

WHO'S WHO

A familiar figure who roams the Harbour and boards ship at will is a husky, maynail-looking Afghan who plays an important role in curbing pilfering in local port activities. He is Firdos Khan, supplier of trained ship guards, who has been operating in the Colony for the past 22 years.

Firdos came to Hong Kong in 1912 as a student. Later he joined the Hong Kong and Kowloon Godowns as a timekeeper. He worked for 15 years before, he resigned to begin supplying guards to keep vigilance aboard ships in port.

His men were mostly recruited from the Police. Today many are Macao Police pensioners, who came here to live a more sedate life. They are mostly natives of Pakistan. Despite the civil strife at home, the local Pakistanis and the Indians got along harmoniously in work and in play.

To cope with the present demand for guards, Firdos has "imported" some former Police personnel from Pakistan. He has about 60 trained men working for him today.

He is himself a former Police man.

"These kind of people have the necessary training in keeping guard. They know the ropes and have a shrewd knowledge of how the thieves operate," the 51-year-old Afghan says.

And they are honest and very difficult to be bribed," he added. Ships have from six to 25 guards aboard when they are in port. The guards keep vigilance on the docks, in the holds, passengers' cabins, gangway and crew's quarters.

They work on a 24-hour schedule.

"Before the war, there were only Indian guards but towards the outbreak of the last war, some Chinese joined the ranks," Firdos recalled.

Today there are many Chinese guards.

During the last war, Firdos went back to his native town and returned in 1948 when he re-organized his service, to find strong competition from Chinese, who were already maintaining the guard service on a large scale.

"Prior to 1945 and 1947 was carried on an unregulated scale. Shipping offices, faced with the lack of trained guards, were compelled to engage raw recruits," Firdos said.

"But eventually, with stricter regulations and with more trained men in operation, 1948 saw a considerable decrease of this nefarious activity," he declared.

Recalling his experiences during the hectic days when pilferers were brought to book daily, Firdos said cases and crates would be ingeniously tampered with, without anyone the wiser, until they were opened.

"We caught many Chinese and Europeans at the wharves and buoys during those days, practically daily," Firdos said.

"We used to nab them red-handed with the loot concealed in various parts of their bodies," he recollected.

"Today we hear of very few cases indeed," he added. Firdos works alone and gathers his men by lip service.

Local Indians and Pakistanis congregate at their respective mosques daily—which provides a means of communication.

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\$2,700 as reward from the British firm.

A native of Ningpo, Mr. Tung began working as an ordinary deck-hand, rising to quarter-master and eventually bosun. His last ship was the S. S. "Shan-tung" which has been sold to a local firm to be scrapped.

The CSU approached the company last week on behalf of Mr. Tung regarding "compensation" for his long service.

The presence of numerous submerged wrecks in several Submarine ports is endangering navigation, personnel of ships arriving here from Manila revealed.

"This has affected port operations considerably, and San Francisco, North of Subic Bay, is one of the ports which face loss of patronage of ocean-going vessels."

The continued presence of the sunken wrecks—victims of Allied or Japanese bombs or those scattered during the last war—has virtually paralysed port traffic at San Francisco.

Recalling several incidents, they mentioned that the M. M. "Mimaster" Castle had a difficult time entering the port because of inadequate guidance in the way of beacons and also because of the many danger points.

A large number of Chinese Seamen's Union officials arrived here during the week from North China "ports," including Canton and Shanghai.

It is understood reliably, though it could not be confirmed, locally, that these officials have left their respective cities because of the Communist military advances.

CSU branches are reported to be operating as usual in Red-held areas.



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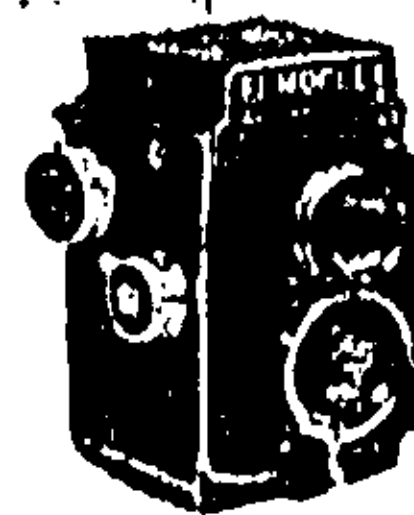
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TEMPORARY SETBACK IN N.Z. BATTING RANKS

USC Trojans Set Record In Relay

Fresno, Calif., May 15. The powerful and well-balanced University of Southern California Trojans, picking up a world record in the 880-yard relay on the way, won their 17th West Coast relay title here last night.

In a bitter point battle that went right down to the final pole vault event, the Trojans scored 65½ points to runner-up Stanford's 64½ points.

Victory came for the Trojans when pole vaulter Bob Montgomery cleared the bar at 14 ft. 4 ins. to bring the Trojans from behind with the five points needed for victory.

The great USC relay team, anchored by speedy Mel Patton, clipped 6/10ths of a second off the world mark in the half mile relay going the distance in 1 min. 24.4 secs. Patton ran his 226 yards leg in 20.1 secs. from a running start.

All told 11 relay records were smashed during the night-five in the open inter-collegiate division and three each in the junior and high school sections.—United Press.

SCHMELING'S FUR FARM

Hamburg, May 15. Former world heavyweight champion Max Schmeling is looking for a more peaceful job than pugilism, people around a ring. He is planning to start a fur farm.

Anni Ondra, Max's film star wife is all enthusiasm, visiting farms in the Lüneburg Heath (British zone) and helping to pick the right spot. They intend to breed mink and nutria.—Associated Press.

SWISS WINS AUTO RACE

Towcester, England, May 15. Baron de Graffenried of Switzerland won the British Grand Prix automobile race yesterday in an Italian Maserati racing car. Bob Gerard of England, driving an English racing automobile, was second in the 300 mile race on the Silverstone circuit.

Third place was filled by L. Rosier of France in a Talbot.—Associated Press.

STUDENTS MEET TAN

Students of both Amoy University and Chiu Kee Institute gathered at 171 Argyle Street, yesterday to meet Mr. Tan Kah Kee.

Well-known Malaya Chinese philanthropist and rubber magnate, Mr. Tan arrived here recently on a six-month tour of Red-land cities.

Mr. Tan is founder of both institutions.

Leicester, May 14. Leicestershire's attack caused temporary confusion in the New Zealand batting ranks here today when the opening pair were back in the pavilion with only four runs scored. But the side recovered well and were all out for 430. When stumps were drawn, the County had scored 32 for the loss of one wicket.

New Zealand were saved by a fourth wicket stand of 299 between M. Wallace and M.P. Donnelly. They immediately began to knock the bowlers off their length.

The crowd of 12,000 could not but be delighted with the fluency of these two batsmen, neither of whom appeared worried by the varied County attack.

Donnelly, scoring his first century of the tour, was the first of the pair to be out, but he had reached 100 in one and three-quarter hours. Wallace, whose third century it was since the tour opened, was most attractive with his cutting and on driving. He took one six off Jackson and 29 fours in his faultless 171.

Wallace and Donnelly dominated the play between lunch and tea, both treating the bowlers with scant respect. After their early successes the County bowlers were made to look very ordinary both batsmen rapidly approached their centuries.

When the partnership was one short of 300, Donnelly, who hit 22 boundaries, was snapped at the wicket.

Leicester's bowlers came into their own after tea when the New Zealand batsmen were inclined to hit out and the last six wickets fell for less than 100 runs.

France And Sweden Into Cup Third Round

Paris, May 15. At Paris France and Sweden won their way into the third round of the European zone Davis Cup tennis international yesterday. They joined Yugoslavia and Switzerland, already in the round of eight. France clinched the best of five series with Denmark by winning the doubles match for a three to zero lead. Marcel Bernard and Henri Bolelli of France defeated Erik Boerre and Kurt Nielson of Denmark 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 in Paris.

In Stockholm, Sweden took the clinching doubles match from Norway. Lennart Bergelin and Torsten Johansson defeated Mils Erik Hensen and Jan Staabo 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

In Birmingham, England, Czech and Egypt split the opening singles matches of their second round play. Richard Baldieri of Chile defeated Adly Shafel of Egypt 6-0, 6-2, 6-2.

Hungary won both opening singles matches from Belgium in their second round series in Budapest. Josef Sboth disposed of Belgium's Philippe Jasher 6-2, 6-1, 6-3. Andras Adams of Hungary whipped Gerald Peto 6-0, 6-6, 3-6, 6-1.—Associated Press.

Czechoslovakia gained a lead of two matches to all against Great Britain in their second round Davis Cup tie on Wimbledon's famous No. 1 Court today.

Jaroslav Drobny first beat Tony Mottram 6-4, 0-6, 8-6 and then Vladimir Gernik defeated Geoffrey Palsb 6-3, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

The winners of this tie will meet France in the next round, the Frenchmen having made certainty of success by taking two singles and a doubles against Denmark.

Sweden also gained a winning lead of three matches to love over Norway.

Italy took a 2-1 lead against South Africa, and Hungary led Belgium 2-0.

Chile and Egypt each won one singles on the opening day of their tie in the second round.

The results were: A. Paris—France led Denmark 3-0. Marcel Bernard and Henri Bolelli beat Kurt Nielson and Erik Boerre 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

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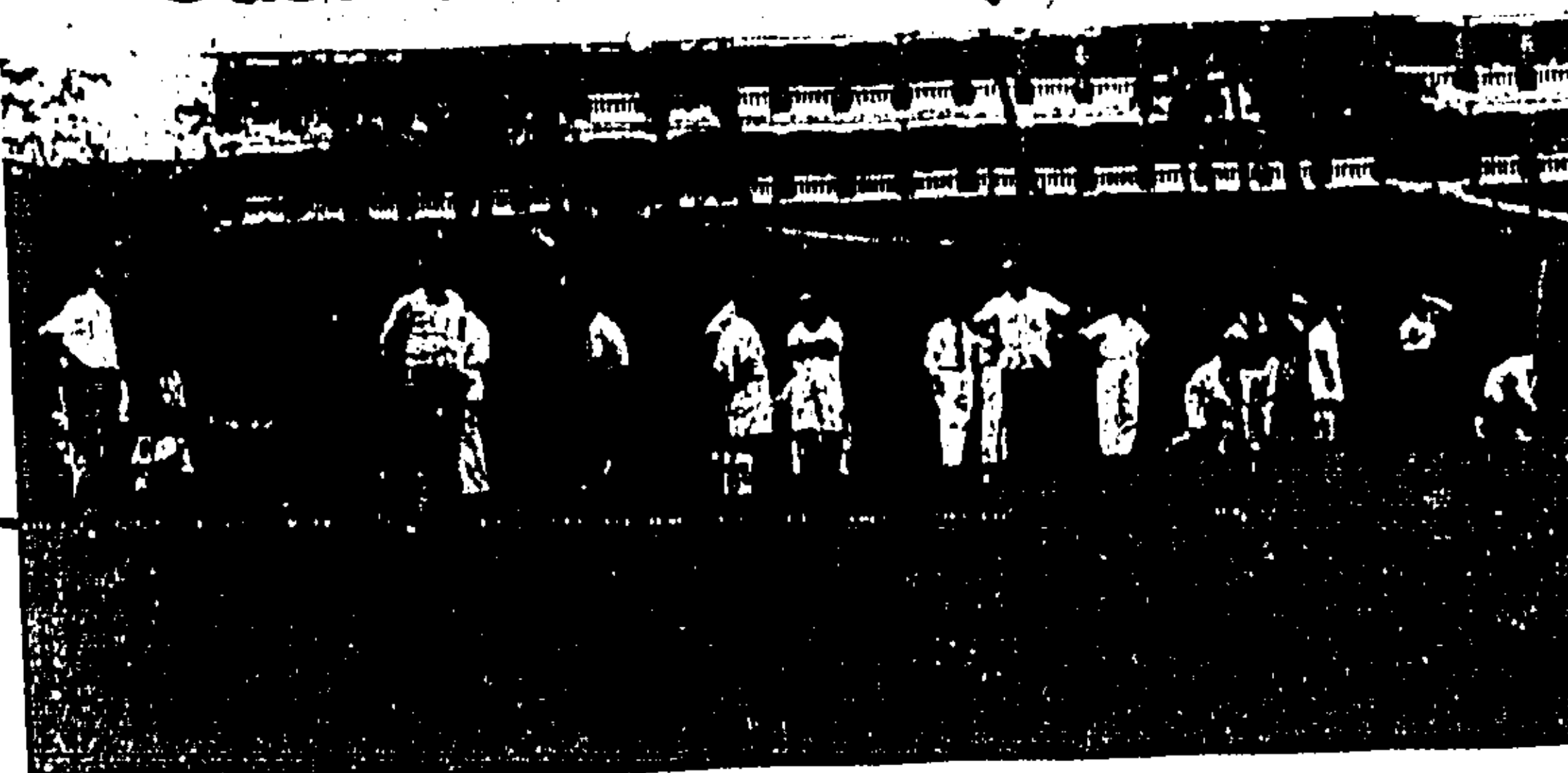
At Milan: Italy lead South Africa 2-1. Gianni Cuculli and do Bello beat Eric Sturgess and Eustace Fannin 6-3, 7-0, 10-0, 2-0, 8-0.

At Budapest: Hungary lead Belgium 3-0.—Reuter.

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Just A Friendly Game



A scene at Austin Road yesterday during the friendly Lawn Bowls game between the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and the Northumberland and Durham Society. The game ended in a draw, each side scoring 74 shots.—(China Mail Photo).

Capot Sets Track Record

Baltimore, May 15. Greentree Stables' Capot won the 73rd running of the Preakness yesterday, setting a Pimlico track record. It was a photo finish with Palestinian second. Noble Impulse was third and Sun Bahraa fourth. Time for the mile and 3/16ths was one minute 56 seconds, clipping two-fifths of a second off the old mark set by Riverland in 1943.

The judges had to study photographs of the finish before saying definitely that Capot had won.

The horse was second in the Kentucky Derby a week ago.

Capot paid US\$7, US\$2.60, US\$3.20 and US\$4.60 and returned US\$3.40.—Associated Press.

ST. JOSEPH'S WIN AT SOCCER

St. Joseph's College beat Queen's College by two goals to one in the Semi-Finals of the Inter-Schools Knock-Out Football Competition at Caroline Hill yesterday.

Talkoon beat Wah Yan College by five clear goals.

KMB BEAT ROYAL NAVY

Kowloon Motor Bus made sure of the runners-up position in the Second Division of the Hong Kong Football League yesterday when they beat Royal Navy by two goals to one at Boundary Street.

Senators Defeat Red Sox, 5-4

New York, May 14. The Senators got back their winning stride in the American League by defeating the Red Sox 5-4. President Harry Truman showed up at the game as an unexpected fan.

Washington has lost only one game in its last 11. The Senators trailed 4-3 going into the seventh and scored two runs to take the decision.

Shortstop Eddie Joost hammered a three run homer into the upper left field stands to give the Athletics a 5-5 triumph over the Yankees.

Rookie leftfielder Roy Sievers hit a four bagger and double in leading the St. Louis Browns to a 8-3 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

Sievers drove home four runs. His first major league homer came in the sixth inning with one runner on base and gave the Browns a lead they never lost.

The Chicago White Sox and Cleveland Indians were not playing.

Murderous Hitting

In the National League, the New York Giants continued their murderous hitting in beating the Philadelphia Phillies 12-2. First baseman Johnny Mize, leftfielder Whitely Lockman and rightfielder Willard Marshall hit home runs.

Marshall also continued three singles to the bombardment.

Rightfielder Bill Dieboldson homered for Philadelphia.

Howie Pollat got his first victory of the season as he pitched the St. Louis Cardinals to a 4-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Catcher Joe Garagiola led St. Louis with a perfect easy walk. He pitched a single and a walk. His seventh inning double went in two runs.

The Pirates scored their runs on homers. One was by centerfielder Wally Westlake in the second, the second the other by second baseman Monte Basgall with one on base in the ninth.

The Chicago Cubs blasted three Red pitchers for an easy 13-1 victory over Cincinnati. Chicago's centerfielder Andy Patko, leftfielder Harry Lowery and rightfielder Al Walker got homers.

Boston and Brooklyn play a night game.

Scores today were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

New York Yankees 5 7 1

Philadelphia Athletics 6 8 2

Yankees: Raschi, Page, Porterfield, Shen, C. Borra Niarhos.

Athletics: p. McCahan, Kellner, Harris, Brislake, C. Guerra.

Boston Red Sox 4 9 0

Washington Senators 5 12 3

Red Sox: p. Harris, Kinder, Johnson, C. Debbets, Batts.

Senators: p. Scarborough: C. Evans.

Detroit Tigers 3 11 2

St. Louis Browns 8 14 2

Tigers: p. Hutchinson, Trout, Rogovin, C. Robinson.

Browns: p. Pappish, C. Lollar.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago Cubs 13 15 1

Cincinnati Reds 4 1 5 0

Cubs: p. Leonard, C. Scheffing, Reds: p. Vandermere, Blackwell, M. Howell; c. Mueller, Prames.

St. Louis Cardinals 4 9 0

Pittsburgh Pirates 3 7 1

Cardinals: p. Pollat, Wilks; c. Garagiola.

Pirates: p. Dickson; c. Fitzgerald.

Philadelphia Phillies 2 10 0

New York Giants 12 10 0

Phillies: p. Roberts, Meyer, Donnelly; c. Lopata.

Giants: p. Jones; c. Cooper.

Associated Press and United Press.

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